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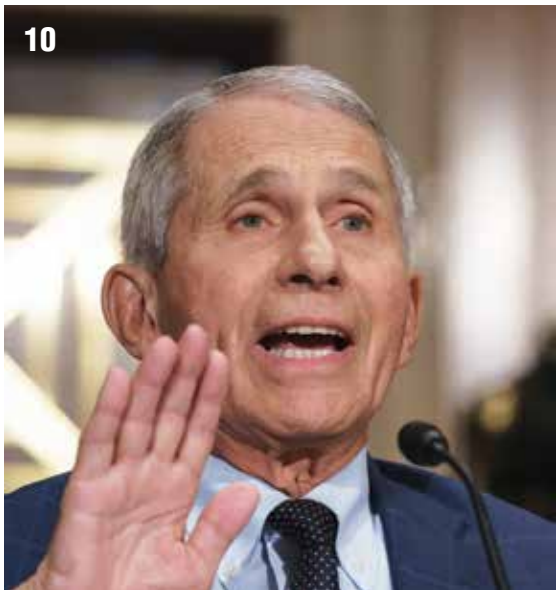

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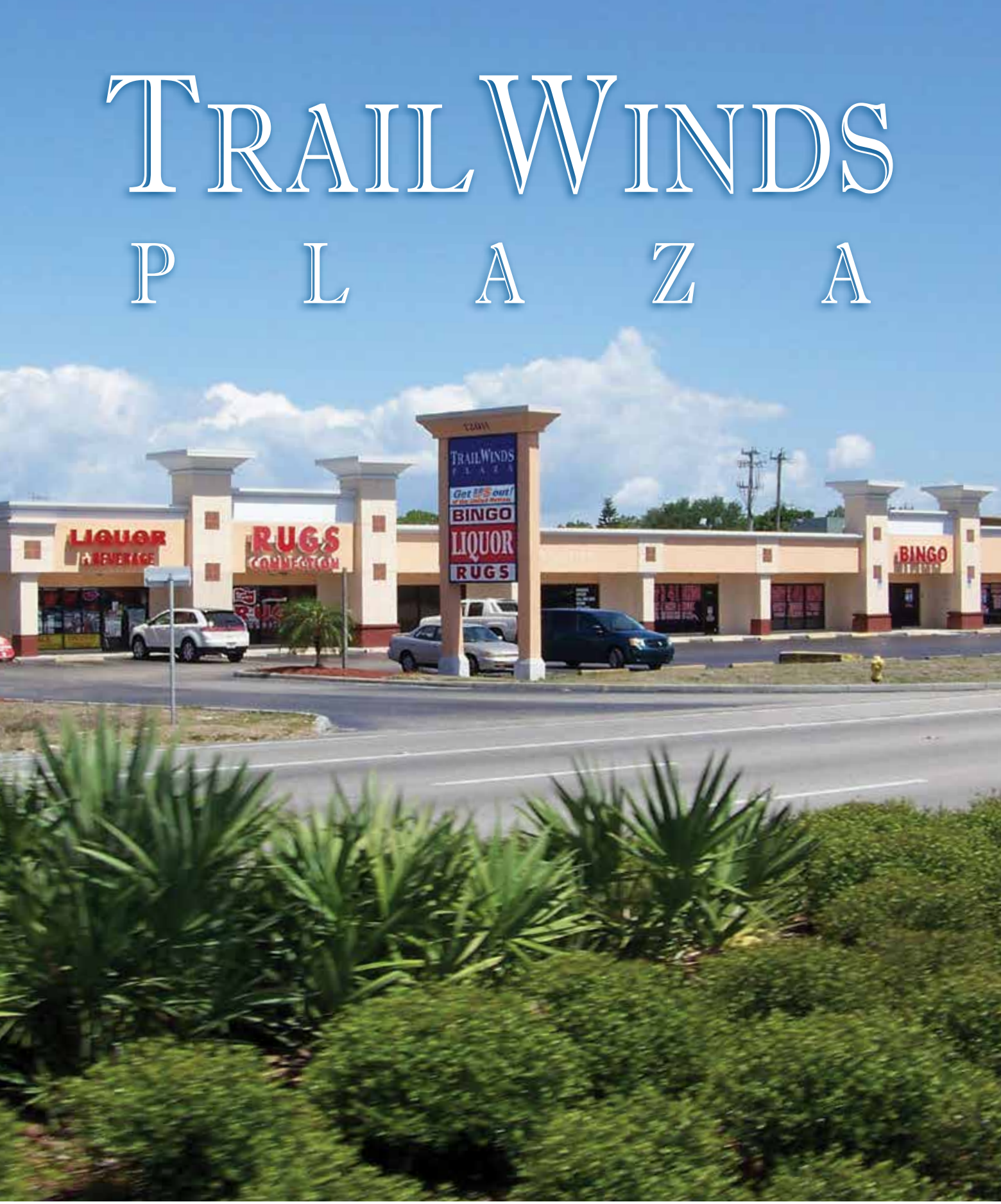


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## The Real Terrorists

Why is actual terrorism by Antifa and BLM allowed?

Such action is a hallmark of fascist power-grabbers. Political violence and bullying intimidate and attack enemies. Mussolini's Black Shirts and Hitler's SA (Brownshirts) filled this role in Italy and Germany. Antifa and BLM fill this role for the Democrat Party. Their violence has been widely tolerated in Democrat-run cities. This, plus the Defund the Police campaign, ceded power to Antifa and BLM and successfully increased violent crime.

BLM flags were even displayed on embassies until President Trump found out in June 2020 and ordered them removed. Biden's Secretary of State Antony Blinken reversed this and authorized all U.S. diplomatic and consular posts to display them.

During the 2020 campaign, these groups played a significant role in creating disturbances. This gave Fake News violence to cover, displacing campaign coverage. This also ties in to another fascist tactic: establishment of a national police force under political party control to replace police under local control. Look at how the Democrat Party has become a fascist party. Take a look at the "Political Bullying, Violence" and "National Police" sections of https://democraticfascist.com.

Marvin Mathiak
*Sent via e-mail*

## Modern Slavery

Because of the current unrest centered on racism and discrimination, America's past history of slavery has recently come under close scrutiny. We are outraged that Americans could keep their own people enslaved. We are shocked to hear the many excuses that slaveowners used to justify their tyranny. Slaveowners justified slavery by saying that African-Americans were not human, or if they were, that they did not have equal rights. Society viewed them as simply property, and kept them for economic good and personal comfort. Many people claimed that slaves might face a future of poverty, hardship, and rejection if freed, and therefore should be kept enslaved.

Thankfully, bold Americans who had a conscience and who had a heart stood up for what was right, and pulled down this horrific institution of slavery.

Unfortunately, the ideology of slavery did not fall with the institution. We are too civilized and modernized to actually enslave our own people these days. So instead, we kill them. Or rather — using the more popular term — we abort them. Many say that the unborn are not human, or if they are, that they do not have equal rights. Society views them as simply property of the mother, and throws them away if they cause detriment to the mother's economic good or personal comfort.

Many people claim that some children might face a future of poverty, hardship, and rejection if born, and therefore should be "aborted."

I thank the Lord that brave legislators and judges have upheld the Texas law against abortion. This is a huge step toward destroying our modern institution of slavery — abortion. As we see the violent opposition to the Texas law, we can also see how many who advocate for "equality" and "equity" still hold the same views as the slaveowners they claim to despise. There are still many citizens and politicians who undermine, oppress, and kill a group of people that they claim have no rights. Today, our country needs Americans who have something of a conscience, something of a heart, who will stand up for what is right, and pull down this horrific institution of abortion! Until we recognize that every individual has the God-given right to life, America will never know true justice, true equality, or true peace.

Isaiah Carlson
*Sent via e-mail*

**CORRECTION:** In "Vaccine Mandates: What Are My Options?" (Oct. 4 issue), we incorrectly listed some medical conditions from the CDC website in the context of those conditions being known potential hazards related to the COVID vaccine. The CDC list was presented instead in the context that adults with those conditions "can be more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19." The CDC recommends that adults with such conditions get the vaccine, among other preventative measures. We apologize for the mistake. We should add, however, that there are no credible, double blind, large scale clinical tests that verify the claim that getting the vaccine with such conditions is safe.

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## New Hampshire Lawmaker Wants State to Consider Secession

A New Hampshire legislator is attempting to get Granite State voters to consider declaring their independence from the United States. On September 13, State Representative Mike Sylvia (R-Belmont) introduced an amendment calling for a public referendum on the matter, which would be on the ballot for the 2022 general election.

Sylvia cited the Biden administration's draconian COVID-19 orders such as the CDC's eviction ban and Biden's vaccine mandates as main reasons to consider secession from the Union.

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"There are hundreds of examples of the federal government overstepping its authority," Sylvia said. "Enough is enough. We should put this before the voters to decide."

Should 60 percent of both the state House and Senate approve the measure, it would be placed on the ballot for the statewide election in November of 2022. The GOP controls both houses of the legislature in New Hampshire, but its margin in each chamber falls short of 60 percent. Governor Chris Sununu, a Republican, would not have to approve the referendum to get it on the ballot.

If the long-shot measure were to clear those hurdles, the referendum would read: "New Hampshire peaceably declares independence from the United States and immediately proceeds as a sovereign nation. All other references to the United States in this constitution, state statutes, and regulations are nullified." In order to change New Hampshire's constitution, 66 percent of voters would have to vote for the measure.

The referendum is strongly backed by an organization called Liberty Block. Liberty Block believes it's past time for New Hampshire residents to reconsider their initial allegiance to the United States, especially considering what it refers to as the "corona fascism" of the past two years. Liberty Block feels so strongly about the issue that it published a list of 77 specific reasons that New Hampshire citizens should seriously consider voting to secede.

## Virginia Tech Instructor Apologizes for Her Whiteness

Crystal Duncan Lane, Ph.D., a professor who teaches in Virginia Tech University's Department of Human Development and Family Science, has been pushing students to tackle "racism" and "inherent bias." She also issued an über-woke *mea culpa* in her Human Development 1134 syllabus in which she apologized to "students of color" for her whiteness and sex normalcy and stated that her privileged life is an "injustice" she didn't ask for.

Lane's apology appeared in a "Who I Am" section in her syllabus. It reads in full: "I am a Caucasian cisgender female and first-generation college student from Appalachia who is of Scottish, British, and Norwegian heritage. I am married to a cisgender male, and we are middle class. While I did not 'ask' for the many privileges in my life: I have benefitted from them and will continue to benefit from them whether I like it or not. This is injustice. I am and will continue to work on a daily basis to be antiracist and confront the innate racism within myself that is the reality and history of white people. I want to be better: Every day. I will transform: Every day. This work terrifies me: Every day. I invite my white students to join me on this journey. And to my students of color: I apologize for the inexcusable horrors within our shared history."

One could note that if there can be collective guilt, there can also be collective credit. As to this, "inexcusable horrors" aren't unique in man's history; they're the norm. Truly anomalous are the luxuries, comforts, safety, rights, and privileges Western Civilization offers all its citizens (and even non-citizens).

Campus Reform had linked to the professor's apology at the Virginia Tech website, but that page has now gone "poof!" It currently reads, "Oh no, you've found 404 Error page! Sorry, but the page you are looking for doesn't seem to exist."

Actually, the real error was what that page displayed before it was scrubbed (and the current error is preferable).

Crystal Duncan Lane

teaching.vt.edu

## People Called Mentally Ill for Opposing COVID Policy

People are increasingly being labeled "mentally ill" and being compelled to see psychiatrists for opposing irrational COVID-19 mask mandates. In fact, one law student was reportedly likened to a mass shooter, threatened with permanent legal-profession exclusion, and told by a school dean, "We don't know if you're psychologically capable of following the rules."

Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson reported September 21 on a student at a prestigious law school who dared question his institution's irrational mask mandate, which didn't apply to professors.

As Carlson related, "Administrators suspended this student from school immediately; then they threatened to call states' bar associations to prevent him from becoming a lawyer. And then the school accused him of being mentally ill. As one dean put it, 'We don't know if you're psychologically capable of following the rules.' So as a condition of readmission, the school required the student to submit to a psychological assessment test and then meet with a psychiatrist for a counseling session to see if he was mentally ill. Before doing any of that, the school's deans also required the student to waive his right to medical confidentiality so if the school chose, his results could be made public."

"That's shocking, but it's happening in a lot of other places as well," Carlson continued. "We've just spoken to a former member of the army who was referred to psychiatrists and booted out of the military because he refused to wear a mask."

What all this serves to do is create a society run by compliant ideologues. Refusal to abide by SARS-CoV-2 regulations is already being used as a pretext to purge the military and medical profession of dissidents. Note here that those opposing the vaccines and least likely to get them are more conversant with the issues, more patriotic, more Republican, and more "conservative" than average. In other words, foisting vaccine mandates on government and other institutions ensures they'll become even more left-wing.

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## FDA Purchased Aborted Baby Parts, Demanded "Fresh and Never Frozen"

Records reveal that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was purchasing babies' heads and other body parts for its "humanized mice" project.

The gory details are found in hundreds of pages of records acquired under a Freedom of Information Act case brought by watchdog group Judicial Watch. The government even demanded that the body parts be "fresh and never frozen." What's more, a court has found that the FDA's actions very well might have violated federal law.

Judicial Watch announced September 14 "that it received 198 pages of records and communications from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) involving 'humanized mice' research with human fetal heads, organs and tissue, including communications and contracts with human fetal tissue provider Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR)."

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Judicial Watch informs that while the initial ABR contract was for $12,000, the total estimated amount for the requisition was $60,000.

"The court also found 'there is reason to question' whether the transactions violate federal law barring the sale of fetal organs," Judicial Watch informs. "Documents previously uncovered in this lawsuit show that the federal government demanded the purchased fetal organs be 'fresh and never frozen.'"

"Chopping up aborted human beings for their organs and tissue is a moral and legal outrage," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, stating the obvious. "This issue should be front and center in any debate about America's barbaric abortion industry."

Further illustrating the outrage is what was admitted by ABR itself during a 2016 U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee investigation. ABR said "that its procurement technicians work inside the abortion facilities, packaging and shipping the aborted baby body parts 'on the day they are procured,'" reported LifeNews earlier this year. "This means that within a few hours, an unborn baby is aborted, handed over to ABR technicians for dissection and processing and then shipped to researchers, according to the investigation."

"Fresh and never frozen," remember? ■

### New Governor Boasts About Abortion's Availability in New York

"I am proud that New York is leading the fight to ensure that every woman and birthing person has access to abortion care."

*One of the first matters on the to-do list of Governor* **Kathy Hochul** *when she became New York's first female governor was to let the public know that she ardently favors abortion.*

Kathy Hochul

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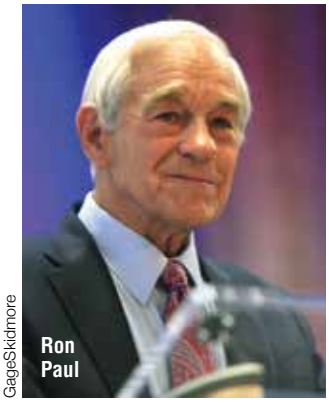
### Columnist Issues Sober Warning About the National Debt

"What should truly alarm Americans … is the level of spending and, consequently, the level of borrowing. The cost of not reining in the government's runaway outlays is strangled growth, ever-higher taxes, and the loss of wealth and opportunity for a generation of Americans."

Boston Globe *columnist* **Jeff Jacoby** *deftly chastised elected officials, journalist colleagues, and the go-along public for "playing politics as the nation slowly drowns in red ink."*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### Massive Deaths of Innocents Didn't Bother Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

"Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright suggested in an interview that killing half a million children with sanctions [as a byproduct of the effort] to remove Saddam Hussein from power was 'worth it.' The slogan of the U.S. foreign policy establishment should be, 'No Lives Matter.'"

*While commenting on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, former Congressman* **Ron Paul** *recalled the absolutely horrendous attitude this top American official uttered years ago. Secretary Albright's barbarism drew little comment from government officials or the media.*

### With the Taliban Now in Control, the Future Appears Very Dim for Afghan Girls

"The day the Taliban took control, I was thinking this is the end of life for women."

*At age 17,* **Zayba** *stopped attending school when the Taliban triumphed. She now feels her dream of becoming a surgeon has evaporated. A 16-year-old schoolmate and friend named Sanam had planned to be a dentist but now considers her plan for the future no longer attainable.*

### Taliban Official Insists Harsh Punishments Will Be Reinstated

"No one will tell us what our laws should be. We will follow Islam and we will make our laws on the Koran. Cutting off hands is very necessary for security."

*Appointed to lead Afghanistan's prisons,* **Mullah Nooruddin Turabi** *served in a previous Taliban-led government. He also fought the Soviets who invaded Afghanistan in the 1980s.*

### Abortion Provider Characterizes Pregnancy as Being "Sentenced"

"I think a majority of women are being sentenced to being parents."

*As the senior director of four abortion clinics in Oklahoma,* **Marva Sadler** *likened unwanted pregnancy to receiving a sentence after committing a crime. The clinics she leads have become very busy servicing women from Texas who no longer can abort their children in that state because of its strict abortion laws.*

### Democratic Senator Likens Battle Over $3.5 Trillion Spending Bill to Flying an Airplane in Stormy Weather

"Put on your heat shields and buckle up because this is going to be intense."

*At a closed-door luncheon for his Democratic Senate colleagues, Senator* **Chris Van Hollen** *(D-Md.) colorfully told his peers that getting the measure approved would be very difficult.* ■

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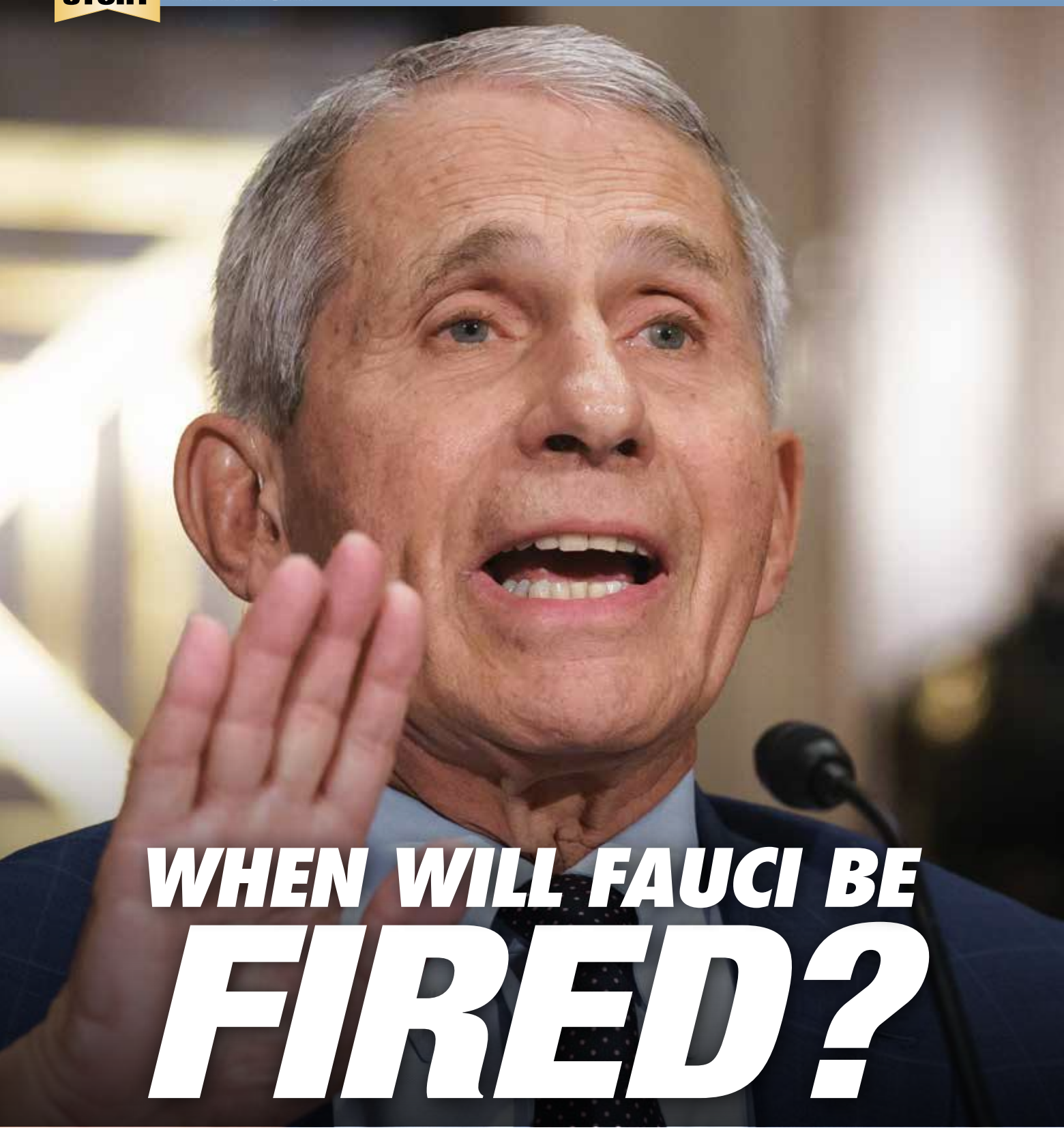

# WHEN WILL FAUCI BE FIRED?

Dr. Anthony Fauci has been accused of lying under oath to Congress about U.S. subsidies for gain-of-function research to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which unleashed the SARS-CoV-2 virus on the world.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

Almost two years into "15 days to slow the spread," Americans should have learned a very significant fact about Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: He has a troubled relationship with the truth.

Since June, the highest-paid employee of the federal government has been caught in two major falsehoods, the more important being his mulish denial that his agency subsidized research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, where the notorious Bat Lady, Shi Zhengli, genetically enhanced a bat coronavirus to infect human beings. That research is called "gain of function" because it fortifies a microbe's infectious ability. An American scientist provided the know-how, and American taxpayers the money, to create the enhanced SARS-CoV-2 that spread across the globe.

Second, in May 2020 Fauci falsely said the virus almost certainly did not spring from the Bat Lady's lab, where poorly trained technicians were a major concern for U.S. science diplomats. After e-mails surfaced in June that thanked him for all but dismissing the lab-leak theory, Fauci then claimed he never blithely dismissed the theory, now all but established fact.

One might say Fauci — whose salary as of 2019 is $417,608 — lied about these matters, which would imply intent to deceive. Or one might say he doesn't know what his agency is doing. Or one might say that, at 80 years old, he's an elderly man who just can't remember. Whatever one says on those counts, one must say one thing: Fauci must either retire or be fired.

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**Exposing the lies:** Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) sent a letter to the Justice Department about Anthony Fauci's false testimony that his agency, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, did not subsidize gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

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## Gain of Function Subsidized

Fauci does not deny that his agency sent millions to the Bat Lady's lab in Wuhan, as Fox News and *Newsweek* reported last year. But the octogenarian, who graduated from Cornell University medical school 55 years ago, does deny the money paid for the perilous gain-of-function research that created the virus that caused COVID-19 and just happened to interest the People's Liberation Army. The PLA hoped to weaponize it, aerosolize it, and use it to bring down an enemy nation's medical system.

Infected lab workers spread the virus in Wuhan, the site of the Military World Games that brought thousands of athletes into the city just as the virus was getting legs. They, in turn, spread it globally when they returned home, as we noted in our article *House Report All But Proves Lab-leak Theory* in the September 20, 2021 issue of The New American.

The takeaway from all that is this: Fauci furiously denies his agency played a role in creating the virus by funding the experiments, which two American scientists, writing in the *Washington Post*, warned could end in disaster if an enhanced virus escaped the lab.

For instance, in a testy exchange with Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) on July 20, during testimony before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Fauci denied for the second time that his agency subsidized the experiments.

"You do not know what you are talking about," Fauci fumed after the senator warned him that lying to Congress is a felony, and reminded the angry doctor of his false testimony in May.

The Bat Lady, Paul said, "credits the NIH [National Institutes of Health] and lists the actual number of the grant." Shi's paper describes experiments in which "she took two bat coronavirus genes, spike genes, and combined them with a SARS related backbone to create new viruses that are not found in nature."

Those viruses "were shown to replicate in humans," Paul continued:

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These experiments combined genetic information from different coronaviruses that infect animals, but not humans, to create novel artificial viruses able to infect human cells. Viruses that in nature only infect animals were manipulated in the Wuhan lab to gain the function of infecting humans. This research fits the definition of the research that the NIH said was subject to the pause in 2014 to 2017, a pause in funding on gain of function, but the NIH failed to recognize this, defines it away, and it never came under any scrutiny. Dr. Richard Ebright, a molecular biologist from Rutgers, described this research in Wuhan as the Wuhan lab used NIH funding to construct novel chimeric SARS related to coronaviruses able to infect human cells and laboratory animals. This is high-risk research that creates new potential pandemic pathogens, potential pandemic pathogens that exist only in the lab, not in nature. This research matches — these are Dr. Ebright's words — this research matches, indeed epitomizes the definition of gain of function research, done entirely in Wuhan, for which there was supposed to be a federal pause. Dr. Fauci, knowing that it is a crime to lie to Congress, do you wish to retract your statement of May 11th, where you claimed that the NIH never funded gains-of-function research in Wuhan?

"Senator Paul, I have never lied before the Congress, and I do not retract that statement," Fauci replied. "This paper that you were referring to was judged by qualified staff up and down the chain as not being gain of function."

**Paul:** "You take an animal virus and you increase its transmissibility to humans. You're saying that's not gain of function?"

**Fauci:** "Senator Paul, you do not know what you are talking about, quite frankly. And I want to say that officially, you do not know what you are talking about, okay?"

**Paul:** "This is your definition that you guys wrote. It says that scientific research that increases the transmissibility among animals is gain of function. They took animal viruses that only occur in animals, and they increased their transmissibility to humans. How you can say that is not gain of function."

**Fauci:** "It is not."

Paul later tweeted the Bat Lady's "verbatim admission" that NIH funded her work, and cited a microbiologist from MIT who said "certain techniques that the researchers used seemed to meet the definition of gain-of-function"

But Fauci bumped into a bigger problem weeks later. The Intercept disclosed two more grants found in a 900-page trove of government documents obtained with a freedom of information request. Funneled through scientist Peter Daszak's EcoHealth Alliance, those grants subsidized gain-of-function research.

"The documents contain several critical details about the research in Wuhan, including the fact that key experimental work with humanized mice was conducted at a biosafety level 3 lab at Wuhan University Center for Animal Experiment — and not at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, as was previously assumed," the website reported. It continued:

> The documents raise additional questions about the theory that the pandemic may have begun in a lab accident, an idea that Daszak has aggressively dismissed.
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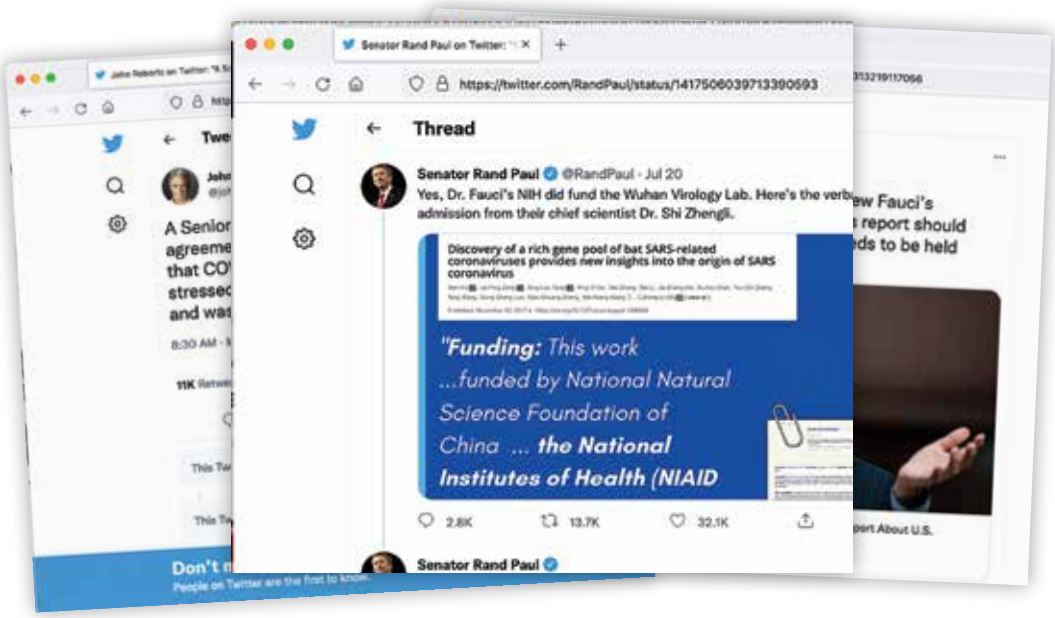
> The bat coronavirus grant provided EcoHealth Alliance with a total of $3.1 million, including $599,000 that the Wuhan Institute of Virology used in part to identify and alter bat coronaviruses likely to infect humans. Even before the pandemic, many scientists were concerned about the potential dangers associated with such experiments. The grant proposal acknowledges some of those dangers: "Fieldwork involves the highest risk of exposure to SARS or other CoVs, while working in caves with high bat density overhead and the potential for fecal dust to be inhaled."




Daszak, of course, led the effort to squash the lab-leak theory, but in any case Ebright, head of the Waksman Institute for Microbiology at Rutgers, spoke to the Intercept, and in a long thread on Twitter called Fauci's claims "untruthful." Ebright had already confirmed the experiments for Nicholas Wade, who, in May this year, wrote the 11,000-word piece for the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* that proved NIAID's subsidies funded the controversial experiment.

On Twitter, Ebright buried Fauci's claims that he told the truth before the committee. Ebright also targeted Fauci's boss, Francis Collins, head of the National Institutes of Health. Collins had said "neither NIH nor NIAID have ever approved any grant that would have supported 'gain-of-function' research on coronaviruses that would have increased their transmissibility or lethality for humans."

The Intercept documents, according to Ebright, "confirm the grants supported the construction — in Wuhan — of novel chimeric SARS-related coronaviruses that combined a spike gene from one coronavirus with genetic information from another coronavirus, and confirmed the resulting viruses could infect human cells." Ebright continued:

> The materials reveal that the resulting novel, laboratory-generated SARS-related coronaviruses also could infect mice engineered to display human receptors on cells ("humanized mice").
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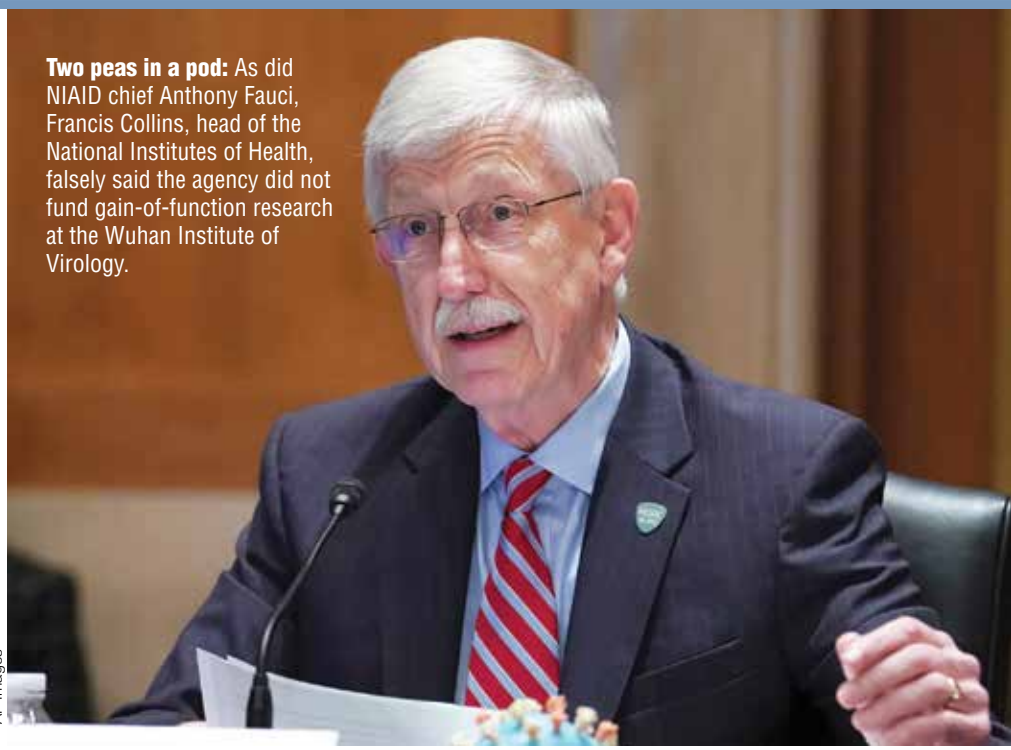
> The materials further reveal for the first time that one of the resulting novel, laboratory-generated SARS-related coronaviruses — one not been previously disclosed publicly — was more pathogenic to humanized mice than the starting virus from which it was constructed and thus not only was reasonably anticipated to exhibit enhanced pathogenicity, but, indeed, was *demonstrated* to exhibit enhanced pathogenicity.

Then Ebright delivered the gut punch that knocked the wind out of Fauci's fulsome denials and could well help Paul's push for the Department of Justice to investigate Fauci.

"The documents make it clear," Ebright wrote, "that assertions by the NIH Director, Francis Collins, and the NIAID Director, Anthony Fauci, that the NIH did not support gain-of-function research or potential pandemic pathogen enhancement at WIV are untruthful."

Shortly thereafter, a dozen GOP congressmen wrote to Fauci demanding an explanation.

That missive provided even more evidence that Fauci certainly knew his agency funded the gain-of-function research, including internal NIAID e-mails from Fauci and others who discussed it. Fauci and NIAID officials shared a paper written by the Bat Lady and American scientist Ralph Baric, and published in *Nature*, that discussed the research at the Wuhan lab.



**Two peas in a pod:** As did NIAID chief Anthony Fauci, Francis Collins, head of the National Institutes of Health, falsely said the agency did not fund gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

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## Denying the Lab Leak

The congressmen reminded Fauci of just what those e-mails showed. Some had already surfaced in news reports.

On January 31, Kristian Andersen of the Scripps Research Institute wrote an e-mail to Fauci suggesting that the virus did indeed leak from the lab in Wuhan. Wrote Andersen:

> The unusual features of the virus make up a really small part of the genome (<0.1%) so one has to look really closely at all the sequences to see that some of the features (potentially) look engineered…. Eddie, Bob, Mike, and myself all find the genome inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary theory.

In other words, Fauci had good reason to believe the virus did not, as the Chinese Communists claimed, leap from bats to humans through the filthy wet markets of Wuhan, which sell exotic animals, including bats that carry coronaviruses, for human consumption. Fauci knew almost from the beginning of the pandemic, as the economy shut down, unemployment rocketed through the roof, and Americans locked themselves in their homes to "slow the spread," that the Asiatic pathogen was souped up in and escaped from a lab.

Yet the congressional inquiry also noted an article published in *Nature Medicine* that discussed the origins of the virus and pooh-poohed the lab-leak theory. That piece from March 17, 2020, *also by Andersen* and others, said "we do not believe that any type of laboratory-based scenario is plausible." Andersen thanked Fauci for his "advice and leadership" in writing the piece.

On April 18, Daszak thanked Fauci for "publicly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports a natural origin for COVID-19 from a bat-to-human spillover, not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

Continued Daszak:

> From my perspective, your comments are brave, and coming from your trusted voice, will help dispel

the myths being spun around the virus' origins. Once this pandemic's over I look forward thanking you in person and let you know how important your comments are to us all.

Despite knowing that the Bat Lady likely created the virulent pathogen, in May 2020, Fauci told *National Geographic* that the super-germ was not man-made. It did not, he said, escape from the poorly-run, malfunctioning lab in Wuhan. "If you look at the evolution of the virus in bats and what's out there now, [the scientific evidence] is very, very strongly leaning toward this could not have been artificially or deliberately manipulated," he told *National Geographic*.

The magazine headlined its piece with this certitude: "Fauci: No scientific evidence the coronavirus was made in a Chinese lab."

"Everything about the stepwise evolution over time strongly indicates that [this virus] evolved in nature and then jumped species," Fauci told the credulous eggheads at the venerable science magazine.

That piece was published on May 4 and contradicted Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who said *the day before* that the U.S. had evidence of a lab leak. "Remember, China has a history of infecting the world, and they have a history of running substandard laboratories," Pompeo said.

President Trump said the same thing on April 20. That sent the leftist media into paroxysms of Trump Derangement, and is one reason they never probed the matter. Indeed, thanks to Fauci and Communist Chinese propaganda, the leftist media confidently asserted that the lab-leak hypothesis was a "debunked conspiracy theory," an unwarranted claim it enthusiastically repeated until Wade's piece appeared in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and news surfaced that three lab workers were sickened in November of 2019. After that, the dam broke, and the media conceded that Trump was probably right. Amusingly, the leftist media blamed Trump for their own refusal go after the lab-leak theory. He was, as a writer for *Vanity Fair* called him, the "bomb-thrower in chief." It was, as always, Trump's fault.

Of course, Fauci hasn't answered the GOP congressmen, but in any event he dissembled again on the matter in June. After the damning e-mails from Daszak and Andersen surfaced early this summer, Fauci claimed he never dismissed the lab-leak theory or deliberately suppressed it.

"If you go back then, even though you lean towards feeling this is more likely a natural occurrence, we always felt that you gotta keep an open mind — all of us," Fauci told CBS *This Morning* on June 16 this year.

"We didn't get up and start announcing it, but what we said, 'Keep an open mind and continue to look.' So I think it's a bit of a distortion to say that we deliberately suppressed that."

No, it wasn't a distortion. When Fauci said "we," he meant those in the know, such as Daszak, whose outfit transmitted the grant to Wuhan that funded the deadly research. He just happened to be part of the team from the World Health Organization that exonerated the lab after a short, hours-long visit. Daszak also organized a letter from scientists to the *Lancet* that fingered wet markets as the source of the outbreak.

A separate issue is what role the State Department and U.S. intelligence agencies played in covering up the lab leak, as The New American reported in the July 5, 2021 issue in our article *COVID Lab-leak Theory: Media Lied, People Died*. Though *Vanity Fair* wrongly blamed Trump for the media's foul-up on the lab-leak story, the magazine did reveal some stunning material. A top official at State, an internal agency memorandum showed, ordered underlings in the arms control and disarmament bureau to forget looking into the origin of the virus because it would "open a can of worms." Another top official ordered underlings not to "say anything that would point to the U.S. government's own role in gain-of-function research." And the Office of the Director of National Intelligence publicly claimed that analysts agreed with the "wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not man-made or genetically modified."

That, of course, was false. In April 2020, intelligence sources told Fox News's Brett Baier that the virus leaked from the Wuhan lab. They repeated that judgment to the network's John Roberts nearly two weeks later.

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**Coverup artist:** Peter Daszak's EcoHealth Alliance channeled money to the Wuhan Institute of Virology for gain-of-function research. Daszak denied the SARS-CoV-2 virus came from a lab.

### What About Fauci and Collins?

The obvious question: What should be done with Fauci?

Rand Paul is right. Fauci's role in the subsidies for the gain-of-function research and squashing the truth about the lab leak, both of which affected the U.S. response to the China virus, must be examined. That's why Paul asked DOJ to review Fauci's testimony. Fauci's chief, Francis Collins, must be investigated, too.

Recall that Ebright, one of the top microbiologists in the nation, said Fauci and Collins were "untruthful" when they denied that their agencies paid the Bat Lady to enhance the infectious power of viruses so they would infect humans. Their denials could mean several things.

Suppose neither Fauci nor Collins knew what research the grants funded, or worse, that the grants even went through, which means they were "untruthful" — not intentionally, but because they fell asleep on the job. That's a firing offense anywhere but in the federal government. Fauci's testimony, though, clarified one thing: He understood what Paul asked, and what Paul described as gain-of-function research. "It is not," he said. That means he used a different definition of the term either to justify the grants initially, if he even was involved in approving them, or to justify them retroactively in his testimony. The latter would mean Fauci knew the grants paid to fortify the virus, but only under the bright lamp of Paul's questions decided the research did not meet the definition of gain of function.

Ebright, who should testify before the Senate's HELP committee, said the grants uncovered by the Intercept did indeed fund gain-of-function experiments, which certainly proves one of two things: Fauci doesn't know what gain-of-function is, which isn't possible, or, again, his unique understanding and definition of gain-of-function is not used by the vast majority of scientists such as Ebright. In either case, that would mean Fauci lied. Lying to Congress, as Paul said, is a felony. That, too, is a firing offense. All of this, except perhaps the falsehoods in sworn testimony, applies to Collins, given his public statements.

Ebright chose his words carefully, and rightly so. He didn't say the men lied, which, again, implies intent to deceive. That would be nearly impossible to prove.

But *why* the men were untruthful is immaterial. Gain-of-function has just one definition. And Ebright says the Bat Lady's work that fortified SARS-CoV-2 fits that definition. If the men didn't lie, they erred grievously and didn't know what their agencies were subsidizing. While difficult to believe, let's assume that's possible.

Who, then, is minding the store at the $42 billion NIH and $6.2 billion NIAID?

Not that any of this speculation matters. If Fauci and Collins lied, nothing will happen to them, at least as long as Biden is in office. If they didn't know what was going on, nothing will happen to them, as long as Biden is in office. The result is the same. Both men will keep their jobs.

That's a hard pill to swallow, given what would happen to a man similarly situated in the private sector. Liars are fired. So are incompetents.

Only politicians, federal bureaucrats, and top military commanders enjoy immunity from punishment for mistakes: running up the national debt to $26 trillion, mismanaging myriad agencies, revealing the nation's war plans to the enemy, and launching drone strikes that kill children in foreign countries.

Or, in this case, paying to create a genetically-enhanced supervirus that has killed millions (reportedly) and brought down the U.S. and global economy after politicians used it to create a mass panic, which has enabled a significant expansion of state and federal police power justified as public health measures. New York and California have mandated vaccine passports. So has New Orleans, Louisiana. Australia is verging on totalitarianism.

Like those others, Fauci and Collins will never be held responsible. ■

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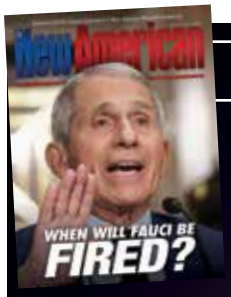
**Where it all began:** Experts now believe the China virus escaped from the Wuhan Institute of Virology when infected workers spread it throughout Wuhan.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# Wuhan Lab Wanted MORE Subsidies

The U.S. bankrolling of the Wuhan lab did not satisfy the insatiable appetites of the lab's communist overlords, who wanted even more money for their "gain of function" research.

*by R. Cort Kirkwood*

Other than Anthony Fauci and Francis Collins — the heads of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) — no one with any intelligence denies those agencies subsidized potentially catastrophic gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) that created the SARS-CoV-2 pathogen. The subsidies to the lab were reported last year, and two grant proposals recently unearthed by the Intercept clearly show the subsidies did indeed pay for the dangerous experiments. Nor does any objective observer seriously dispute that the virus escaped an institute lab.

Yet in late September, DRASTIC, the Decentralized Radical Autonomous Search Team Investigating COVID-19, reported that the mad scientists involved in this Moreau-like research were planning even more dangerous work. And they wanted U.S. taxpayers, via a Defense Department subsidiary, to pay for them.

DRASTIC released a grant proposal from the EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) — the outfit that funneled the NIAID-NIH subsidies to the WIV — to the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Run by British zoologist Peter Daszak, EHA wanted DARPA to fund WIV's gain-of-function experiments that would enable coronaviruses to infect human beings. EHA also wanted to use the money to monkey with the virus that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS, which is deadlier than SARS-CoV-2.

The DRASTIC release on the apparently unsupervised Daszak and his Chinese and American collaborators demands not only a major probe of U.S. science agencies and the privately run nonprofits they subsidize, but also a criminal investigation to find out just what charges can be filed, and against whom, in connection with the China virus outbreak. Another significant matter is that the Chinese Communists wanted to use the souped-up viruses as bioweapons, and the People's Liberation Army is linked to the WIV.

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**Mad scientist:** EcoHealth Alliance President Peter Daszak wanted U.S. Defense Department funding for gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses to enable them to infect humans.

## The Grant Proposal

Based on documents provided by a whistleblower, the DRASTIC report explains that DARPA nixed and possibly stopped that greater catastrophe:

> [EHA and WIV] attempted to carry out advanced and dangerous human pathogenicity Bat Coronavirus research that would clearly qualify as Gain of Function (GoF), in a grant proposal submitted to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in 2018.

That was more than a year before SARS-CoV-2 infected institute lab workers, spread through Wuhan, infected athletes at the Military World Games, and then went global (see the article *House Report All But Proves Lab-leak Theory* in our September 20, 2021 issue).

Titled Project DEFUSE: Defusing the Threat of Bat-borne Coronaviruses, the two-phase grant sought more than $14.2 million from DARPA for gain-of-function research. Daszak and EHA "proposed injecting deadly chimeric bat coronaviruses collected by the Wuhan Institute of Virology into humanised and 'batified' mice," DRASTIC reported.

Though gain-of-function subsidies were banned in 2014, the government lifted

the ban again in 2017 in connection with something called the Potential Pandemic Pathogen Care and Oversight framework, known as P3CO. That protocol was meant to govern and monitor such subsidies, yet in practice "allowed GOF research with SARS-like coronaviruses to resume with very few practical limits."

How few is frightening, DRASTIC's report shows:

> In particular the absence of clear definitions of GoF, creative interpretations of the guidelines, and rather discretionary decisions to refer research projects or not, all contributed to reducing the effectiveness of the P3CO framework — despite the fact that other agencies of the US federal government actively maintained the GOF standards.

That "absence of clear definition" and those "creative interpretations" might be one reason Fauci felt comfortable telling the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions that his agency didn't fund gain-of-function research in Wuhan (see page 10).

EHA submitted the DEFUSE proposal two months *after* U.S. science diplomats expressed grave concerns about WIV's poorly trained technicians and overall safety. It "includes some elements of research that are already public via scientific papers, as well as other elements that have never been made public," DRASTIC reported. They continued:

> These include vaccinating wild bats using aerosolized viruses and further work on published and unpublished CoV strains that could fill the extant gaps in our understanding of the origins of SARS-CoV-2.

Forgetting what London's *Telegraph* called "skin-penetrating" viruses to vaccinate bats in the wild, the grant proposals show "a staggeringly deep level of involvement of EHA with the WIV."

Daszak's outfit wanted U.S. taxpayers to pay a "good chunk" of WIV researcher salaries, and even wanted them to visit DARPA in Arlington, Virginia. Shi Zhengli, the Bat Lady, would be paid for 22 eight-hour days a month, another researcher would get quarter time, and Shi would attend a "kickoff" event and the defense installation.

The research would be done "without proper risk assessment and considerations for ethical and social issues and with an incorrect evaluation of what constitutes GoF research," DRASTIC reported.

Not surprisingly, EHA "confidently assessed" that its research was not subject to the restrictions on gain-of-function research even though the research clearly involved the forbidden work. EHA, DRASTIC alleged, "tried to bypass" those restrictions. "EHA unsuccessfully proposed the use of bat-SARSr-CoV backbones and not the human evolved SARS-CoV in what looks like a deliberate attempt at circumnavigating the restrictions," DRASTIC reported, and the plan to "inoculate wild bats with aerosolized vaccines" was never "publicly released or opened to the wider scientific community for discussion as to potential risks."

EHA envisioned creating three to five chimeric viruses per year, and manipulating the bat viruses to "alter human pathogenicity," introduce "human-specific cleavage sites," and "create novel coronaviruses."

Perhaps the most frightful note in the DRASTIC report explains that Daszak and his underlings were fiddling with a virus even more deadly than SARS: "EHA proposed MERS-coronavirus experiment and had already introduced SARS and MERS into bat cell lines." That fact alarmed a researcher with the World Health Organization.

"The scary part is they were making infectious chimeric Mers viruses," the researcher told the *Telegraph*, stating:

> These viruses have a fatality rate over 30 per cent, which is at least an order of magnitude more deadly than Sars-CoV-2. If one of their receptor replacements made Mers spread similarly, while maintaining its lethality, this pandemic would be nearly apocalyptic.

The possibility that Daszak and his team of white-coated megalomaniacs might unleash something even worse than SARS-CoV-2 on the world might be one reason EHA "misled DARPA about risk to general public health," as DRASTIC put it. EHA explained that the "work has minimal risk to the general public."

"That EHA could propose" such research, DRASTIC averred, "yet totally ignore the risks of laboratory escape is inconceivable and shows a total lack of understanding of the risks."

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**Funding our own destruction:** U.S. taxpayers helped fund the research that created SARS-CoV-2, the virus that led to a worldwide pandemic and possibly millions of deaths.

## Proposal Rejected

No wonder DARPA rejected the DEFUSE proposal.

**Batty ideas:** Daszak's EcoHealth Alliance had plans to create many novel human pathogens from bat coronaviruses.

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"Significant weaknesses were identified," DRASTIC wrote of the rejection. "The proposal is considered to potentially involve" gain-of-function "because they propose to synthesize spike glycoproteins which bind to human cell receptors and insert them into SARSr-CoV backbones to assess whether they can cause SARS-like disease." The proposal "does not mention or assess potential risks of Gain of Function (GoF) research," and "hardly addresses or discusses ethical, legal, and social issues." Those were just three of nine objections to the research, and, again, EHA misled DARPA about it. DRASTIC concluded that DEFUSE "could have put local communities at risk."

Still, federal bureaucrats elsewhere had different ideas, DRASTIC reported. The Health and Human Services department OK'd "similar work without P3CO review in 2018 and 2019. In particular, the P3CO framework [developed in 2017] was designed to allow greater flexibility for vaccine development." Then, in June 2018, NIH's vaccine subsidiary "expanded its existing partnership with Moderna to include full-scale research into a pan-coronavirus (CoV) vaccine platform. EcoHealth Alliance repeatedly took advantage of this flexibility to continue their work with the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

Yet missing in DRASTIC's report is background on how dangerous giving these grants and know-how — an American taught the Bat Lady how to soup up the viruses — was on another level. As The New American has reported previously, the People's Liberation Army is tightly linked with the Bat Lady's lab, and wanted to use genetically enhanced viruses as aerosolized bioweapons to bring down an enemy's healthcare system. In a 263-page paper, the Reds envisioned a "new era of genetic weapons."

In other words, U.S. health agencies subsidized potential bioweapons in China. Then the conduit for those subsidies approached the *Defense Department* to continue doing so in what experts allege is a misleading grant proposal.

## What's Next

Two culprits in this pandemic and the U.S.-taxpayer subsidized genetic experiments that caused it, and could cause another, are of course Fauci and Collins.

But a third is Daszak, whose outfit tried to get a U.S. military agency to pay for China to develop genetically enhanced viruses. His EHA, after all, sought the $14.2 million to carry out the experiments that included fortifying a virus even more dangerous than SARS.

Daszak also led the effort to suppress the truth about the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that has run rampant across the globe. As is now well-known, he was part of the WHO team that exonerated the lab after an inadequate inspection, and he led the group of scientists who put the kibosh on the lab-leak theory in a letter to the *Lancet*. With help from the leftist mainstream media, he peddled the falsehood that the lab-leak hypothesis was a "conspiracy theory." E-mails show that he thanked Fauci for helping push the falsehood on the public through the slavishly pro-Fauci media.

Daszak had good reason to push that falsehood. His EcoHealth Alliance channeled the NIAID-NIH grants that subsidized the Bat Lady's genetic fortification of bat viruses. As Nicholas Wade concluded in his 11,000-word piece for the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* that detailed the doings at the lab, Daszak must have panicked when he found out that the virus probably leaked from the lab. He would be "potentially culpable." That letter to the *Lancet* did not disclose EHA's role as conduit for the grants, an "acute conflict of interest," Wade observed.

Along with the Bat Lady, Fauci, Collins, and other Americans, Daszak not only shares blame for using U.S. tax dollars to fund potentially disastrous research in a lab where poorly trained technicians greatly worried U.S. science diplomats. He also shares blame for the pathogen's leak from that lab, his effort to suppress that truth, and the subsequent worldwide pandemic. Were this case to be tried in front of a jury, it could well hold him indirectly responsible for the death of those whom the virus has killed. And willful negligence might be the least of his offenses.

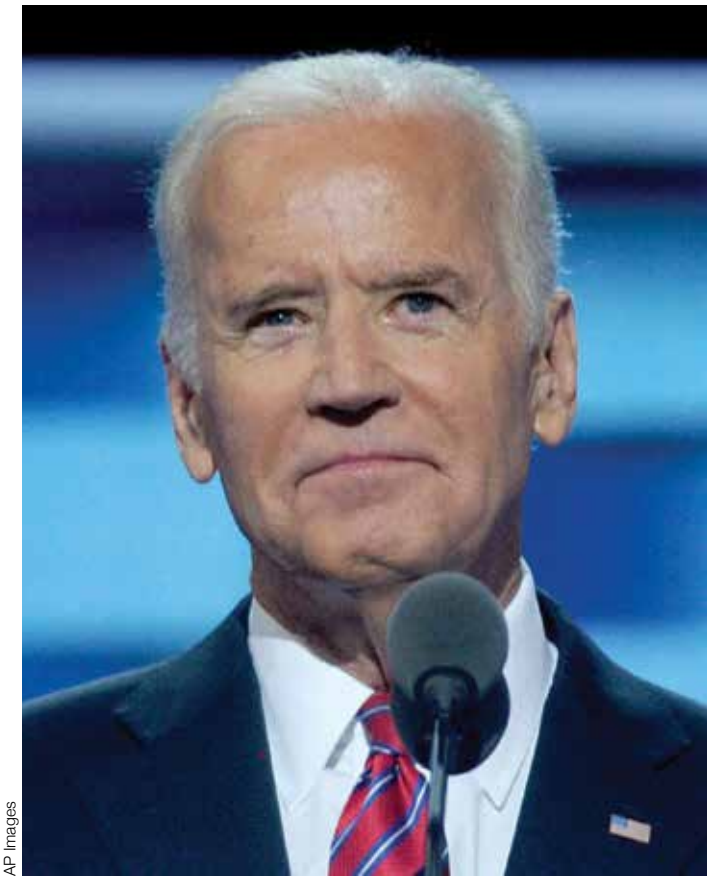
Beyond that, Fauci, Collins, and Daszak sent U.S. taxpayer money to a lab working with the Communist Chinese military, which, again, wanted to use the Bat Lady's gain-of-function experiments to create bioweapons to use against those very same taxpayers.

In the end, we can safely predict that no one in this dangerous crew will be punished. Not one will lose his job, as least while Biden is president. All will continue on as if nothing happened. Suggesting otherwise is the triumph of hope over experience.

But at least the federal government could take one step: Ban Daszak and EcoHealth Alliance from applying for future grants *for anything*, and stop all subsidies to *all* foreign labs, no matter how much control the conduits for those grants claim to exercise over the recipients. ■

# BIDEN'S COVID DEATH SENTENCE

Countless people are unnecessarily dying of COVID because of the war against alternative treatments. The latest battlefront: the rationing of the monoclonal antibody therapy REGEN-GOV.



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**by Selwyn Duke**

The "science," which we're supposed to "follow," informs that perhaps 85 percent of COVID-19 victims could have been saved if a proper treatment protocol had been officially established. Early intervention is part of this, as it has long been understood that once a coronavirus patient exhibits advanced symptoms and must be hospitalized and ventilated, survivability greatly diminishes.

Enter drugs such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin, which have shown promise in mitigating SARS-CoV-2. Then there's a newer option: the monoclonal antibody therapy REGEN-COV, which the Food and Drug Administration has authorized for use as a "post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) for COVID-19 in adults and pediatric individuals … who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death," as the agency puts it. Apparently a game-changer, the drug "has been shown to reduce hospitalization rates by 70 percent for high-risk COVID-19 patients treated within 10 days," as even an August 26 *Week* article reprinted by liberal Yahoo! News concedes.

In light of this, what do you think the federal government's REGEN-COV policy might be?

Well, Joe "Biden has responded by rationing these drugs so that the states that want them get fewer doses than citizens desire," wrote commentator Andrea Widburg in a September 17 article for American Thinker. She continued:

> From the beginning of this pandemic, Democrats have furiously fought COVID treatments. In 2020, their ferocious hostility to potential treatments such as hydroxychloroquine (a drug I was given without even a warning as a prophylactic against malaria when I went to Cambodia) seemed to arise from their desire to ensure that as many people as possible died on Trump's watch, helping to deny him an election victory.
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> Since Biden entered the White House, Democrats again seem determined to deter any COVID treatments — calling time-tested, award-winning ivermectin a horse parasite medicine — while focusing entirely on forcing Americans to get vaccinated and get passports. Of course, data from all over, especially Israel, reveal that the vaccines have limited efficacy.

That's putting it mildly. CDC head Rochelle Walensky admitted that the genetic-therapy agents (GTAs, a.k.a. "vaccines") don't prevent the Delta variant's contraction or transmission, and it appears that many of the most "vaccinated" nations also have the highest China virus infection rates. Moreover, GTA side effects, including deadly ones, are apparently underreported. In fact, an FDA advisory panel member named Steve Kirsch bluntly warned in a virtual discussion the FDA released September 17 that the "vaccines kill more people than they save."

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Given this, and that it's rational seeking effective treatment for any disease, conservative states Florida, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama have been using monoclonal medications quite liberally. In fact, Republican Florida governor Ron DeSantis "(who seems to be Biden's particular nemesis), recently set up 25 REGEN-COV sites that dispense Regeneron's version of the monoclonal antibody treatment," wrote Widburg. "The sites have been hugely popular and have coincided with a 50% decrease in Florida hospitalizations."

This good news apparently didn't sit well with the feds. After all, as DeSantis recently explained, "on September 9th, President Joe Biden said that his administration would be increasing shipments of monoclonal antibodies in September by 50%, and yet on September 13th, HHS announced that it was seizing control of the monoclonal antibody supply and that it would control distribution, and then on September 14th, the announcement was more than 50% of the monoclonal antibodies that had been used in Florida were going to be reduced."

"Other states have also voiced concerns about Biden's restrictions," The New American informed September 17. "Forbes reported that the Medical Association of the State of Alabama said it was 'very concerned' about the federal government limiting the treatment supply, asserting in a statement that the government should be looking to 'provide more of this treatment, not less' when Alabama's hospitals are already under enormous strain."

Yet "here's the really important thing," Widburg stated: "Biden's rationing is unrelated to supply and demand. Regeneron has said it will have no problem producing enough drugs to cover nationwide demand. The only reason to cut supplies of REGEN-COV to Republican states is to ensure that more residents of those states die, justifying Biden's demand for mass vaccinations across America."

"There's a word for people like Biden," Widburg continued: "evil."

The good news is that DeSantis, who has quickly become America's go-to governor, intends to circumvent the feds by purchasing monoclonal antibody treatments directly from the manufacturer.

As for the Biden administration, it's also reported that its only pretext for cutting the REGEN-COV supply is "equity," which is generally a euphemism for institutionalized discrimination favoring minorities. But here's the kicker:

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**True leadership:** Governor Ron DeSantis has established 25 sites for dispensing the promising coronavirus treatment REGEN-COV. This has reduced Sunshine State COVID hospitalizations by 50 percent — and the feds to tears.

The four "rationed" GOP states have some of the nation's largest "minority" populations. Texas, Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama are, respectively, 56.5 percent, 42.7 percent, 44.2 percent, and 33.8 percent "minority." Moreover, Mississippi has the largest black population of any state, with the racial group constituting 39 percent of its 2,976,149 residents; Alabama has the sixth-largest black population, with the group making up almost 28 percent of its residents.

This is especially relevant because blacks are disproportionately affected by the virus (and though they're also the least "vaccinated" group, this was true even before the GTAs' introduction). In other words, the Biden drug rationing will be most likely to disproportionately kill black Americans.

Which major party is the "party of racism" again?

So what's really going on here? For one thing, conservative states' success at mitigating the China virus without freedom-squelching restrictions undermines the Left's COVID Ritual and total-control agenda. As to this, it has sometimes been said, generally speaking, that the states are "laboratories" for testing disparate policies. This is certainly true regarding the China virus, and the Branch COVIDians don't want to be shown up by Branch Floridians.

Related to this, partially motivating the frantically aggressive GTA push may be a desire to eliminate a "control group," as American Thinker also pointed out September 17. If the "vaccinated" can't be compared to the "unvaccinated" because the latter no longer exist, it's harder to expose GTA folly.

The incentive here is staggering, too. After all, what would happen to the GTA pushers' political, bureaucratic, and media careers were it discovered that their drugs killed far more than they saved and were just another part of "a cure worse than the disease" COVID agenda? The question answers itself.

So from their self-serving perspective, they've no choice but to keep digging their China virus hole — perhaps all the way to China itself. And the Biden administration's current Munchausen syndrome by proxy drug denial may just be part of this dark effort. ■

# WAR AGAINST NATURAL IMMUNITY

From a medical standpoint, it makes no sense whatsoever to force those who have already gotten COVID, and now have natural immunity, to get the jab.

**by Cathy Spigarelli**

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**Discriminatory vaccine passport:** If the purpose of a vaccine passport is to reduce the spread of COVID infection, then it must be inclusive of those with natural immunity. If not, its purpose is suspect.

"A Covid-19 vaccination or negative Covid-19 test result will be required to attend Summerfest 2021." This event policy and many like it across the country completely ignore the millions of Americans who have experienced and survived COVID. The natural immunity of so many has led the way toward herd immunity, yet has largely been dismissed by the government, policymakers, the media, and businesses. This unfounded discrimination does not appear to be based on a disparity in public health risk. Those with natural immunity should have the same rights and privileges as those with vaccine-induced immunity.

The government and media have solely focused on the vaccinated. Determined to get as many humans as possible injected, as if this is the only real solution to the pandemic, there has been an outright disregard for natural immunity. The lack of knowledge about immunity duration, resistance to variants, and other reasons to reject natural immunity as substantial can even more strongly be said about vaccine-induced immunity. There is a lack of knowledge about immunity duration, the need for booster shots, short- and long-term adverse health effects, breakthrough infections, resistance to variants, effect on those with natural immunity, and disease spread due to high viral load. There are a lot of unknowns with vaccination; however, there is a push to convince the masses that this is not the case. Even those with natural immunity are being coerced into getting vaccinated.

The irony is that the vaccine has failed many people through breakthrough infection, viral loads equivalent to actual infection that can easily spread to others, COVID symptoms much like those experienced by the unvaccinated, and COVID symptoms for days after receiving the vaccination. As an August 12 article in the *Washington Post* noted, "Breakthrough infections do not appear to be as extremely rare as hoped, accounting for more than a fifth of new recent infections in Los Angeles; New Haven, Conn.; and Oregon, officials said." According to the CDC, breakthrough infections were responsible for 75 percent of the COVID cases that resulted from a large public gathering on Cape Cod. And Catherine Brown of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health stated that 74 percent of 469 COVID cases linked to summer events and gatherings in a small town were in fully vaccinated people, and almost 80 percent of these were symptomatic.

Current COVID vaccinations are far from perfect, yet there seems to be a mission to convince the public that natural immunity is inferior to vaccine-induced immunity. But this is simply not true. In a retrospective, observational study of millions of Israelis, it was "demonstrated that natural immunity confers longer lasting and stronger protection against infection,

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In terms of immunity duration, a recent Emory University study observed that recovered COVID-19 patients retain broad and effective long-term immunity to the disease.

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**Pointless restrictions:** People who have had COVID and recovered have strong natural immunity, arguably better than immunity from the vaccines. Why should they have restrictions, including masks, placed upon them when the vaccinated do not?

symptomatic disease and hospitalization caused by the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 compared to the BNT162b2 two-dose vaccine induced immunity," according to a preprint of a study at medRxiv.com Researchers found through data analysis that the vaccinated individuals included in the study had a 13.06-fold increased risk for breakthrough infection as compared to those previously infected who had natural immunity. In other words, this large population study showed that natural immunity is superior to vaccine-induced immunity for the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2.

Additionally, in a May 28 op-ed titled *Quit Ignoring Natural COVID Immunity,* medical doctors Jeffrey Klausner and Noah Kojima stated that "those who have recovered from COVID-19 have a strong protective immunity, protecting them from repeat infection, disease, hospitalization, and death. In fact, that protection is similar to or better than vaccine-induced immunity."

According to a study conducted by the Cleveland Clinic whose purpose was to evaluate whether those with natural immunity should get vaccinated, "vaccination significantly lowers the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection among people who haven't already had COVID-19 — but not necessarily among people who *have* already had it." In other words, this study indicates that vaccination of those with natural immunity did not provide additional benefit.

The CDC's current position is that all should get vaccinated regardless of having previous COVID illness and recovery. Their reason for those with natural immunity still being vaccinated? "That's because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from Covid-19," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. This can be said about COVID vaccines, as well. This reasoning is flawed and deceptive.

Recently, the CDC has been touting a study that analyzed a brief period of Kentucky COVID data that showed unvaccinated individuals with natural immunity were two times more likely to be reinfected with COVID than vaccinated individuals with natural immunity. In contrast, the Israel National News reported that Health Ministry data showed "Israelis who were vaccinated were 6.72 times more likely to get infected after the shot than after natural infection." In the Kentucky data analysis study, the sample size was 246 people. The Israeli data analysis had a sample size of 5,193,499 people. The larger the sample size, the more accurately it reflects the population and its characteristics.

In terms of immunity duration, a recent Emory University study observed that recovered COVID-19 patients retain broad and effective long-term immunity to the disease. The study followed 254 patients with mild to moderate symptoms and found that immunity remained strong over an eight-month period. Another study, "Immunological memory to SARS-CoV-2 assessed for up to 8 months after infection," concluded, "Substantial immune memory is generated after COVID-19, involving all four major types of immune memory. About 95% of subjects retained immune memory at 6 months after infection."

It is important to note that natural immunity may very well last much longer than eight months, but not enough time has elapsed while living with this virus for a full understanding. At any rate, we don't hear about the effectiveness of natural immunity, and it certainly is not reflected in the pandemic policies that are popping up to combat public resistance to vaccination and vaccine deficiencies.

But what about vaccine-induced immunity — how long does it last? A study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* titled "Antibody Persistence through 6 Months after the Second Dose of mRNA-1273 Vaccine for Covid-19," stated that regarding the Moderna vaccine, "The durability of protection is currently

unknown." Their research attempted to address this and concluded with, "These results are consistent with published observations of convalescent patients with Covid-19 through 8 months after symptom onset." In other words, in this study, vaccine-induced immunity from the Moderna vaccine had staying power comparable to natural immunity results to date.

Again, not enough time has passed to determine the true length of immunity. Many in the public-health bureaucracy, and the vaccine makers themselves, are indicating that the COVID vaccine will be an annual shot much like the flu vaccine. Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel has said that booster shots will be needed in the near future to protect from waning immunity and new COVID variants. The alleged need for a booster is already being observed, as breakthrough cases due to the Delta variant are on the rise throughout the country. In Israel, booster shots have already been rolled out. In the United States, the FDA has granted an emergency use authorization for a third shot of the Pfizer vaccine; however, it is currently restricted to those Americans ages 65 years and older, those at high risk for COVID infection, and those at higher risk as a result of their job.

In the rare case that natural immunity is recognized in a government health policy, there is a qualifier added to the requirement, such as "Positive Covid test in the last 6 months." With an understanding of immunity duration for both vaccine-induced and natural immunity, it is curious why a vaccine passport lacks an expiration date, but those presenting with natural immunity have a six-month validity time frame imposed or are not even considered protected at all. Policies that ignore natural immunity and/or limit the "good for" date on natural immunity but not vaccine-induced immunity are illogical and biased. This type of discrimination causes one to wonder what is truly motivating these policies (something besides public health concerns) and creates additional distrust around this public-health issue.

As of September 23, 2021, 42.5 million, or roughly 13 percent, of Americans have had COVID. It is likely that this number is significantly higher, given that many people decided to forgo COVID testing to avoid stigma, work issues, and future life- and medical-insurance concerns. These COVID survivors are being coerced to succumb to vaccination in the form of "privileges" being withheld, despite the fact that they possess significant natural immunity. They, and others who choose to not get vaccinated, (depending on the jurisdiction) will be forced to suspend normal life activities such as visiting a restaurant, going to a concert, or working out at a gym. The violation of rights is astonishing! On the other hand, a tide of "privilege" is now washing over the vaccinated in some locales. The Australian tourism minister, Dan Tehan, was quoted as saying that giving more freedoms to people who are vaccinated would encourage more to get the jab. The plan is to manipulate, entice, and perhaps force the unvaccinated to become vaccinated. Curiously, the push to get everyone, including those with natural immunity, vaccinated does not appear to be based on a robust public-health risk assessment that concluded vaccine immunity is more effective than natural immunity in preventing viral spread and infection.

As during the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic with its mask-mandate failure, San Francisco is once again out in front with pandemic policymaking. On August 12, the San Francisco Department of Public Health updated its Safer Return Together Order, which states, "This Order adds a requirement for certain businesses to check proof of full vaccination of both patrons 12 years and older and staff for entering an indoor portion of the business's facility." Nowhere in the order does it make indoor entrance provisions for those with natural immunity, those who pose no bigger threat to public health than the vaccinated. And, by the way, just as with the San Francisco mask mandate of 1918, drinking a beer in a San Francisco bar with your buddies without proof of vaccination in 2021 is also punishable. The order clearly states, "Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both." This feels a lot like discrimination against a class of people — those with natural immunity. "Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in places of public accommodation because of race, color, religion, or national origin." Although immunity status is not listed as a "because of," one could argue that it would be in the spirit of the public-accommodation law to

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**Natural immunity works better:** Vaccinated individuals had a 13.06-fold increased risk of breakthrough infection with the Delta variant compared to those with natural immunity, concluded a 2021 Israeli COVID study.

prevent the unfair and unequal treatment of a group of people who pose no direct threat to public health.

Even if it were permissible to violate the constitutionally protected rights of the people (it's not), from a public-health standpoint it makes no sense to allow the vaccinated to roam free while those with natural immunity cannot. Given the level of breakthrough infection, a vaccine passport has little utility in preventing the spread of COVID. A vaccine passport will not prevent the viral load of an infected, vaccinated person from infecting others. The Ada Lovelace Institute assembled a group of multidisciplinary experts in immunology, epidemiology, sociology, behavioral science, law, medical history, public health, ethics, and others to deliberate the utility of a vaccine passport. They stated, "At present, vaccination status does not offer clear or conclusive evidence about any individual's risk to others via transmission so cannot be a robust basis for risk-based decision making, and therefore any roll-out of a digital passport is not currently justified." Perhaps we should ask the vaccinated Texas Democrats who hopped on a plane together and ended up with COVID how they feel about a vaccine passport's effectiveness.

Those with natural immunity do not pose a public-health risk greater than the vaccinated. Those with natural immunity do not need the artificial stimulation of their immune system to prevent COVID reinfection. If you survived the disease without difficulty, which is the case for most healthy people, the risk of complications or illness from the vaccine and/or from adding the vaccination to existing natural immunity outweighs any alleged boost.

Why is the COVID vaccine being pushed so hard while natural immunity is being ignored? There is financial gain associated with vaccines. Simply, put natural immunity is not profitable. Natural immunity is free. If millions of people don't need the vaccine or those inevitable booster shots because their body took care of immunity for them, imagine the financial missed opportunity experienced by pharmaceutical companies. Let's take Moderna, for example: The COVID vaccine is the first-ever authorized product for Moderna. The company's 2019 revenue was $60 million, compared to a 2021 forecasted revenue of $16 billion. In addition, Moderna's stock value has skyrocketed. In January of 2019, the stock was valued at about $16 per share. In July of 2021, the stock was valued at about $485 per share. An additional benefit may be a change in perception toward drug makers that could quiet the push for lower drug prices. Tinglong Dai, a business professor at Johns Hopkins University, was quoted as saying, "There really has been a sea change in the way people perceive them. They're not greedy drug companies charging outrageous prices. They're saving the world. It's really brilliant PR." There is no disputing that drug manufacturers changed the course of the pandemic; however, they stand to make great gains far into the future as a result.

Corporations, especially those with great financial means, have the ability to influence political decisions through lobbyists and other means. This type of advocacy can lead to proposals for new legislation, or the amendment of existing laws and regulations. Sadly, corruption exists. One could speculate that those who stand to gain financially from this pandemic may also be influencing its policies.

Additionally, those who seek to retain power and control know that fear may keep them in a leadership position. These power-seekers will prefer that natural immunity not be discussed or acknowledged. Having natural immunity buys freedom from fear. But fear must be maintained to retain power over the cowering masses. Therefore, natural immunity can't be acknowledged as effective.

With the population of COVID survivors growing, this strategy to maintain fear and downplay natural immunity will fail. Vaccination is a strategy, but with its many flaws and issues, it cannot be the entire solution to the pandemic. Like it or not, healthy people contracting COVID fortifies the herd, and is a part of the solution. No one is advocating for COVID exposure parties, but the 39+ million people with natural immunity deserve to be recognized as having protective immunity. Grassroots efforts to stand up for the rights of those who pose the lowest COVID public-health threat — the naturally immune — are needed to combat the biased and illogical policies that continue to be enacted. ■

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**Cui bono?** Vaccine makers, such as Moderna, have experienced incredible financial gain from SARS-CoV-2 vaccine sales. There is big money to be gained from vaccine mandates.

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# COVID HYSTERIA

## KIDS COERCED INTO TESTING AT SCHOOL

Outraged parents are taking action after school officials in the small town of Kittitas, Washington, conducted COVID tests on kids without their consent.

**by Annalisa Pesek**

KITTITAS, Wash. — In rural Kittitas County, Washington, school and public-health officials are radio silent in the wake of an atrocity at the Kittitas Secondary School that potentially violated child and parental privacy rights, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rights, and Washington state laws of informed consent.

False reports from the Kittitas County Public Health Department on September 10 stated that an "uncontrolled COVID spread" threatened a 14-day closure of the Kittitas School District, whereupon radical teachers and administrators coerced a select group of students into mandatory COVID-19 testing on school property, with many children pressured to submit to testing without parent permission.

Pandemonium ensued at the school in the tight-knit, eastern Washington community on September 13, just days after the Kittitas School Board of Education announced it would *not* be enforcing Governor Jay Inslee's statewide mask mandate. Concerned parents voiced their frustration at a recent board meeting on September 22, but as of this writing, the district has yet to update its COVID policies or publicly acknowledge the appalling actions of the Kittitas school staff and administration.

### Students Segregated, Subjected to COVID Testing

The morning of September 13 began like any other school day, with students greeted at the school entrance by Dean of Students Ryan Hastings. Yet instead of assisting students to class, Hastings drew from a special list to direct select students to the school library. This mystery list of student names had been previously compiled by faculty and authorized by Kittitas School Superintendent Angela Von Essen.

"I got off the bus and was walking into the school when one of the staff told me to go into the library," said high-school junior Cheyenne Dean, who was among as many as 70 students singled out that day and forced into the library to be tested for COVID-19.

Of the chaotic scene, Dean recalled people from the health department were "handing out forms for us to fill out so we could get tested."

Dean's mother provided the required verbal consent for her daughter to be tested, but Dean reported that several of her peers were tested without parental permission. Dean suspected she was chosen for the list because she didn't wear a mask on the Thursday and Friday prior, though at that time the school superintendent and the school board had declared the district would not be enforcing the statewide mask mandate.

"Some students believe I should be thrown out of school if I don't wear a mask," Dean said, explaining that new school guidelines state that after two warnings of not wearing their masks properly, students will be expelled.

Yet on September 8, Superintendent Von Essen, who has repeatedly pledged her commitment to the community to keep the children learning in school, took to social media to state the school's position on the mask policy as thus:

"We are not sending our students home or singling them out for not wearing a face mask."

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Von Essen further told The New American that a recent parent survey showed "overwhelming" concern from parents who *did not* want their children wearing a mask all day.

Yet to many parents' surprise, in the coming days, the superintendent would take a dramatically different course of action.

### School, Health Officials Must Be Held Accountable

The chaos unleashed at the school comes just days after the district made local headlines for being the first to balk at orders from Olympia, as the Kittitas School Board of Education announced on August 25 at a school board meeting that it would *not* be enforcing Governor Jay Inslee's statewide mask mandate.

During the meeting, Superintendent Von Essen promised that "if a student came to school without a mask, the school would not turn the student away," reported the local newspaper the *Daily Record*.

Said Board Vice-Chairman Brian Stickney, "right now, the mandate is you have to wear it [the mask]. That's the mandate but we don't enforce, we're not cops."

Explained Board Chairman Mike Lowe, "when we think about mandates and what else is going on, don't just think about masks and vaccines. Think about what else they are going to mandate us to do to teach your kids in the future, and holding funding over our head."

But then …

Tipped off to the school's refusal to enforce the mask mandate, Kittitas Public Health Officer Mark Larson publicly threatened to shut down the Kittitas school for 14 days, alleging an "uncontrolled spread of COVID-19" within the district on Friday, September 10.

However, neither Larson nor other health-department officials could provide details of the outbreak, instead referring all public inquiries to be filed through public-records requests.

Larson attributed the so-called outbreak to the first days of school, when "30 percent of students were not wearing masks," according to a statement to the school. Yet per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms of COVID-19 only begin to appear two to three days after a known exposure.

Larson has zero data to support his metrics, which simply do not allow for enough time for any child who attended school on September 9-10 to have developed COVID symptoms, let alone constitute an "uncontrolled spread" of the virus.

Notably, the Kittitas County Public Health Department's September 10 announcement reporting *18 cases of COVID-19 within the district* has since been removed from the agency's website.

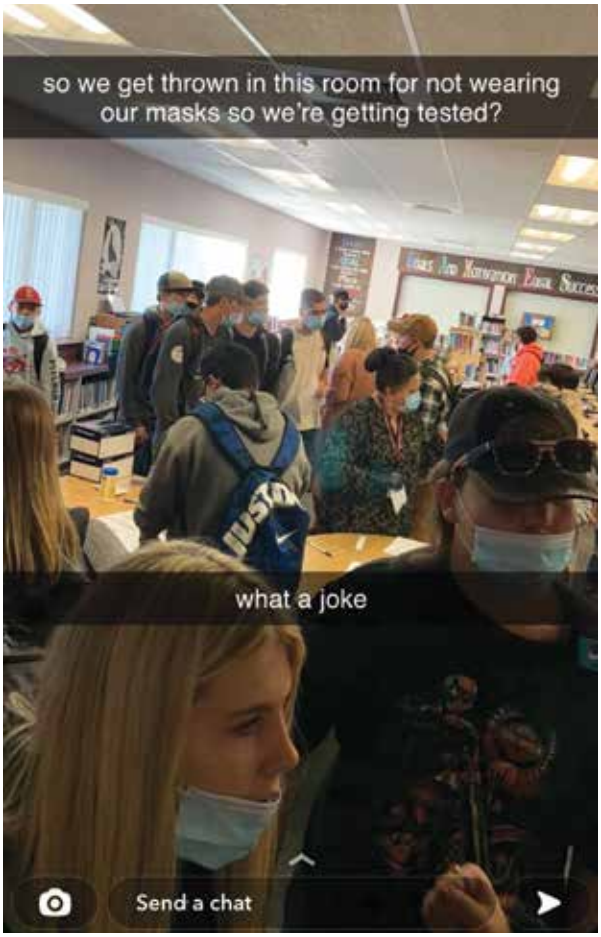
Moreover, questions that must be asked are: If the health department knew of an outbreak before or upon school starting, why did they not notify the community? Why did the health department fail to inform school officials, who could then alert parents of the outbreak? And why would only a select group of students be singled out, discriminated against, and required to test, and not all students and staff if the outbreak was indeed widespread?

The CDC has reported that vaccinated people can still catch and transmit the virus, but at the Kittitas school, vaccinated students appear to have been exempt from testing.

Faced with the threat of a school closure, Superintendent Von Essen may have considered Larson's recommendations, which included:

- Full closure of school for 14 days, shortened to seven if all students and staff test at seven days.
- Send home all children and staff who refuse to mask.
- All unvaccinated students and staff quarantine for 14 days or seven days, with proof of a negative COVID test.

However, the school district proceeded with a plan of its own. In compiling the list, the superintendent, in concert with the board and school faculty, seemed to select only "mask offending" students to test for the alleged outbreak. But even that decision was not consistent, since several students who wore masks were forced into the library for the testing session, as was the case for Warren Taylor, who wore his mask consistently from the beginning of the school opening but was still placed on the list.

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**Singled out:** On September 13, as many as 70 students at Kittitas Secondary School were sent to the school library to be tested for COVID-19, with many students pressured to be tested without parental consent.

### COVID Allows for Laws to Be Broken

Warren Taylor is among the many parents outraged that their children were segregated from the other kids and coerced into being tested. He said that his son "was asked if he had a permission form for the test from his parents. He did not. He was then handed a rapid COVID test kit, and instructed to perform the test on his own and fill out an information form to go with the test kit."

Upon learning of their son's experience, Warren and his wife, Marissa, immediately informed school officials that they did not have permission to perform a test on their son, citing the RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 7.70.065, dealing with "Informed Consent," which protects him against unauthorized health procedures. Further, that the testing took place in a public setting, where students could see their peers' test results, violates HIPAA rights, asserted the Taylors.

Marissa, who is the director of the Respiratory Therapy Department at Yakima Memorial Hospital and works daily in a critical-care setting with COVID patients, said the school was lucky she was 45 minutes away when she found out what had happened to her son.

"I will not tolerate anyone touching my child ever without my permission," said Mrs. Taylor.

"What went on in that school is unprecedented and should be punishable in my opinion. Those people [school faculty and the superintendent] should be asked to step down and lose their jobs."

"They violated human rights," she continued. "They violated HIPAA, and they ruined my child's trust in the school district."

The Taylors are pursuing legal options "to ensure this type of rogue behavior doesn't happen again."

Following the incident, the couple issued a damning letter of concern to the entire school board and the superintendent, yet they received only a brief response from School Board Chairman Mike Lowe, who admitted "many things were learned Monday and corrections are being made," suggesting the family's questions be directed to the Kittitas County Commissioner's office.

Testing, however, was sanctioned by the school officials, making Kittitas High School staff responsible for the outrageous incident.

In the aftermath of the mayhem, frustrated parents and concerned community members have begun to demand answers, claiming that the school not only has failed to acknowledge the illegality of the troubling incident, but also has still not communicated with parents and the wider community about the alleged COVID outbreak, nor discussed the much-needed changes to COVID protocols going forward.

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**Hands off our kids!** Select students in Kittitas were given the Rapid Test, a.k.a. PCR test. Both the FDA and the CDC recognize that these tests provide a high rate of false-positive results. The worst part, however, was that the tests were given to students without parental consent.

## Superintendent Spearheads Discriminatory "List"

When The New American requested the criteria qualifying a student for inclusion on the discriminatory list, Von Essen refused to comment.

On Saturday, September 11, Von Essen had e-mailed parents about Larson's threats, informing them the school board had held an emergency meeting the night before to discuss the matter. According to Von Essen, at this meeting, faculty members discussed creating the list to include the names of students who were not masked Thursday or Friday, though on the list were several students with whom The New American spoke who said they always wore masks.

Von Essen's weekend e-mail to parents explained that "Dr. Larson agreed to our request to keep our schools open, as long as the District enforces the face mask mandate and tests students that did not wear a face mask on the first two days of school for COVID."

She went on to say that these select students to be tested must have "the parent or guardian's consent. Those students must be tested [both] on Monday and Thursday [and produce] a negative test result to stay in school."

The e-mail included a link to a consent form and stated that "the Rapid Test [would be] offered at the schools at no cost to the families," adding that "the administration will be available at each school to collect the consent forms and test students before they enter the building."

Unfortunately, many families said they did not receive the e-mail. It is not clear if the e-mail was sent to all district families or only those who had made the list. Outraged parents are demanding to know how these students were selected, and by whom. The answers thus far seem sparse and subjective.

"Staff who refused to comply with the mask mandate would face disciplinary action," said Von Essen.

Multiple attempts were made via e-mail and in person to speak with Kittitas Secondary School Principal Heather Burfiend and School Secretary Kathryn Goodrich, as well as other school faculty and school board members. Secretary Goodrich adamantly refused to answer questions in person.

## Students Subjected to the Rapid Test

Kittitas students subjected to testing were provided the Rapid Test, or PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test, which consists of a sample swab of DNA that is run through cycles of amplification to achieve results. These tests have been widely criticized for providing a high rate of false positives, with even the CDC recognizing the flaws of the tests and recommending

the FDA transition to another form of testing by December.

According to the FDA, PCR tests provide only 41-percent accuracy in asymptomatic people. To ensure accurate results, the PCR test must be run at an amplification of 17, yet often cycles are increased to twice that amount, lessening the accuracy by as much as 80 percent, depending on the cycle run.

### Coming to a School Near You

"What happened here could easily happen somewhere else," reminded Malisa Eggers, who urged a group of concerned parents and citizens gathering for an emergency meeting on Sunday, September 19 to share their experiences and brainstorm potential alternative approaches to schooling for their children, following the incident on September 13.

Eggers, an Ellensburg resident, grandmother of seven, and founder of the Facebook and Telegram group "Hands Off Our Kids," decided to take action upon learning about the incident and, with parent Naleah Boguslawski, organized Sunday's meeting. She said she hoped to provide a forum for parents and concerned citizens to come together and voice their concerns.

"Part of why the spotlight is on this town," said Eggers, "is that Kittitas was one of the very first schools in the state to say they were not going to enforce the mask mandate." Now it appears that the town has been made a target.

"Other schools that could have done the very same thing [testing the kids for COVID]," said Eggers, "well it hasn't happened." At least, not that we know of.

Richard Hink, a father of four who is running for town mayor, told the group that his child was not at school on Monday. Supposedly his son was one of the "18 cases" reported by the health department, which Hink claims was the result of testing the middle- and high-school football teams before school was in session.

"I still question [the test results]," said Hink, "because the person who administered the tests, the athletic director, himself tested positive, but he was the one who tested all the athletes. The person doing the testing is the one who tested positive to initiate the testing in the first place!"

Hink explained that he had been "emailing the superintendent daily," reading to the group from an e-mail dated September 14, in which Superintendent Von Essen states that the school board directed her to "tell the teachers to keep a list" of students who had not worn their masks and who would need to be tested on Monday. Hink has since filed multiple public-records requests with the school to obtain more details about the decision to test select students.

The absurd behavior of the Kittitas school officials and their conduct surrounding COVID testing should make all parents with kids in the government-run schools wary of the incompetence of the people at the helm of these institutions. Furthermore, all Americans should be asking how this testing data is being tracked, and for what purpose.

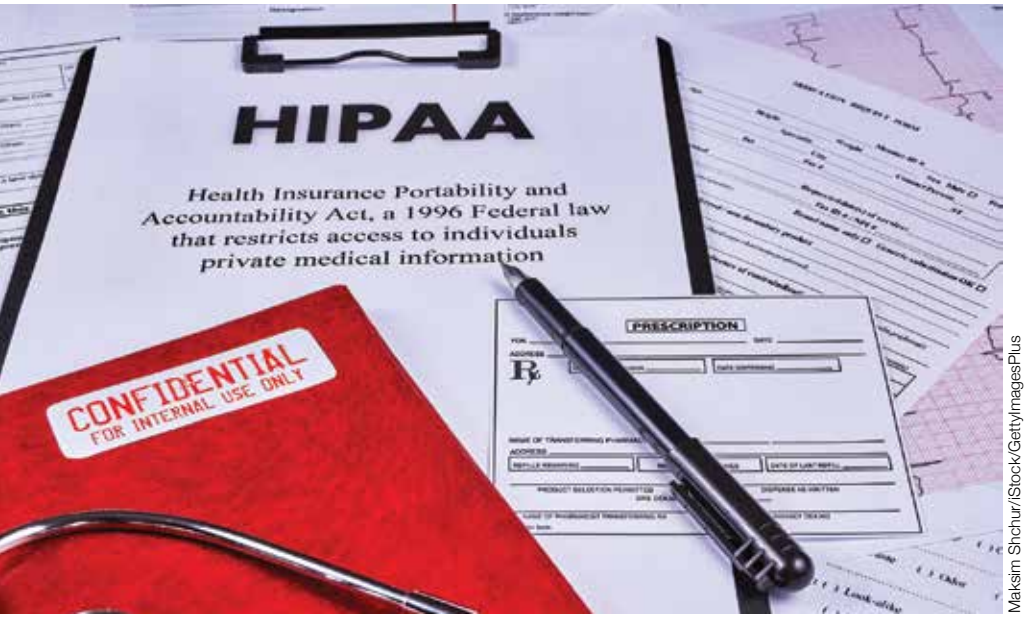
On August 24, the Washington State Board of Health said it would continue to uphold an emergency ruling for coronavirus reporting, requiring doctors, healthcare facilities, labs, and local health jurisdictions to report all testing data to the U.S. State Department of Health. This seems to indicate that testing data is indeed being tracked and compiled in a national database.

### What Next?

Certainly, the Kittitas school staff and the Kittitas School Board members, along with the public health department officials, have acted hastily and irrationally enough to create a firestorm that otherwise may have gone unnoticed. Weekend e-mails, coupled with a clandestine and predetermined list, make this incident particularly heinous. The community, in a seemingly conservative area of liberal Washington State, stands as a poignant example of the undermining of parental rights in public education.

Noteworthy is that most Washington school buildings are closed to parents and visitors during the school day, so students could be discriminated against based on so-called improper mask wearing and pressured into testing behind closed doors, subsequently impacting their ability to remain in school.

Parents in this small town and in towns and cities across America now face a difficult decision: Whether to pull their kids out completely and/or pursue litigation against the agencies and school faculty who put their children at risk while violating multiple state and federal laws. In Kittitas, parents are organizing and preparing to hold these elected officials responsible. ■

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**Pay attention, parents:** The testing of students for COVID-19 in a public setting, where students can see one another's test results, is a violation of HIPAA rights. Those responsible should lose their jobs.

## Free Lemonade

Eight-year-old Wyatt Dennis of Piedmont, South Dakota, raised more than $30,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital this year by offering lemonade to hundreds of bikers during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in the Black Hills, which took place August 6-15 this year.

What's more amazing is that Wyatt's lemonade stand offers lemonade for free, only taking donations.

Wyatt came up with the idea of starting his lemonade stand when he and his mother, Robin, first noticed bikes passing by the home they were about to purchase, the *Epoch Times* reported.

"We decided to do it for free because we wanted to teach him that when you work hard, you can get whatever your goal is," Robin said. "And in this case, it was a Lego."

Last year, he served about 20 gallons of lemonade to the entire rally and raised enough money to purchase his Lego set as well as donate approximately $200 to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Wyatt told the *Epoch Times* that he chose that specific hospital because he "wants to help some kids out. I want to help a charity with kids."

Wyatt and his parents decided to set up the lemonade stand this year as well, assuming they would need approximately the same amount of lemonade and hoping to raise a similar amount of money. They never expected the success this year's stand would have.

This year, Wyatt sold 20 gallons of lemonade in the first hour, and made about $700 on the first day. And with the help of a biker named Tracy who frequented the stand daily and became inspired by Wyatt, the popularity of the lemonade stand grew exponentially.

Tracy posted about the lemonade stand to one of the rally's websites, and Wyatt's parents began to get text messages about the lemonade.

"We had no idea what [was] happening. We kind of had a freakout moment because we definitely did not have enough lemonade," Robin said.

As the rally continued, thousands of people visited the stand. And when word got out that Wyatt was raising money for St. Jude, local businesses came forward with their own donations. These included radio station Eagle Country 95.9/96.3, Wheel City Auto Finance Centers, Rushmore Athletics, and Denver MedVed Autoplex, according to a Facebook post by Robin.

Wyatt's stand raised so much money that he decided to allocate 50 percent of his earnings to St. Jude, 35 percent for his college fund, and 15 percent for a dirt bike. The total donation to St. Jude amounted to $31,394.

Robin is proud of what her son managed to accomplish. She said she had hoped that the stand would teach Wyatt about saving, spending, and giving, but never imagined it would do so to this degree.

"It's just really neat to see the biker community come together and see how generous they are," Robin said.

And beyond the incredible amount of money raised, Wyatt's stand offered him an extraordinary opportunity to interact with people from all over the country and the world. Wyatt kept records of those who visited his stand, noting that he met bikers from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England. Even South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem stopped by the lemonade stand and snapped a photo with Wyatt and his family.

"It's just fun to see your kid interacting with people," Robin said, describing the experience as heartwarming.

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## Guy in the Graveyard

Vince Nestico of Michigan has made it his mission to restore grime-covered gravestones in Michigan cemeteries.

Nestico was motivated by a friend who had restored headstones for years, he told the *Epoch Times* in August. He learned about the process from his friend and began doing it himself.

The process involves clean water and a biological cleaner that is also approved by the U.S. government for use on historical monuments, he explained.

"I remove the lichens and soil from the stone with gentle brushes," he elaborated.

Now he frequents cemeteries throughout the state once or twice a week.

"I don't go in with a specific grave in mind. I let nature draw me to where I'm needed," he told the *Epoch Times*.

What's more, once the grave is cleaned, Nestico makes it a point to learn the history of the person whose grave he restored. This includes searching for the individual on genealogy sites and even in museum records, as he volunteers as a museum curator in his spare time as well.

Nestico shares his efforts on TikTok, and has developed a large following who have been responding to his kindness with warm wishes and admiration. Each video he shares pays reverence to the deceased individual whose grave was restored. The videos include a brief snapshot of the restoration process, and usually include the name and sometimes even a photograph of the deceased.

"Every person has a story, whether it be tragedy, triumph, or anything in between," Vince said. "With most that I work on being well over 100 years old, the descendants may not even be aware that these graves exist."

Nestico even has a website, Guy in the Graveyard, through which he shares videos and stories related to his kind-hearted efforts. His website also provides instructions for other individuals who are interested in following in his footsteps.

His story seems to have already inspired others. One *Epoch Times* reader posted in response to the story: "I love love love this. I visit my husband's grave and notice all the other headstones that have been forgotten. I feel a tug each time to remove all the weeds that cover the stone. Because of your story, I'm going to 'trim the hair' from the head stones that knowingly say no one visits me any more."

A lover of history, Nestico told the *Epoch Times* he feels compelled to pay homage to the people who came before him, and feels he owes something to the predecessors who built this country.

"Each of us only have a short time in this world," he adds. "I feel it is our responsibility to use our time to build upon that foundation and make a greater one for our future descendants." ■

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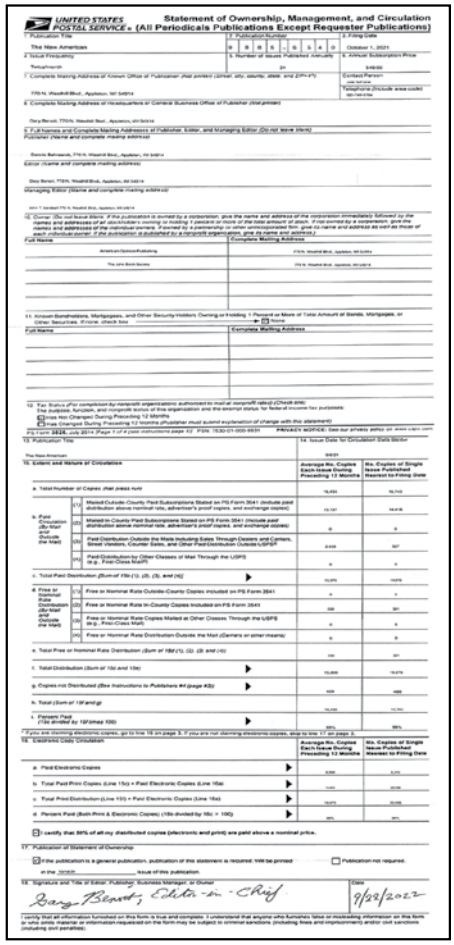

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# The Erosion of Medical Ethics and the COVID Holocaust

Politicized "health" has lethal consequences, from the Nazi experimentation on those considered unworthy of living, to the abandonment of the Hippocratic Oath, to today's vaccine experimentation on entire populations.

**by Dr. Lee Merritt**

*"The stark lesson of the Holocaust is that whenever doctors join forces with government and deviate from their personal, professional, clinical commitment to do no harm to the individual, medicine can then be perverted from a healing humanitarian profession to a murderous apparatus."*
— Vera Sharav, Holocaust Survivor

America is on the brink of extermination — not because of invasion by a strong foreign army on our land (although that is possibly the end game), not because of the implementation of a Cheka-like force rounding up its own citizens (although that too is getting closer), and not because of an Apocalyptic plague ravaging the land (although that is the message the mainstream media would have you believe). No, our nation — based on individual liberty and the rule of law — is about to be conquered because "public health" and our very own public-health officials have been purposefully weaponized against us.

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**It's really about conformity:** While medical students still recite the Hippocratic Oath, in practice they often get absorbed into the medical system, where they have to follow the dictates of bureaucrats, Big Pharma, insurance companies, and the hospital networks that employ them.

## Two Worldviews Are Possible

There are only two worldviews that can be held regarding our current situation: Either you think public-health experts from all over the country and beyond were well-intentioned but simply wrong about everything from the wearing of masks, to lockdowns, to the benefits of hydroxychloroquine, etc., or you think what has happened to the world as a result of "COVID" was planned and orchestrated.

Deciding which of those two views is correct is aided by reviewing the controversial PCR testing program. Even non-medical, non-scientific people have become somewhat knowledgeable about the use and misuse of "PCR," or polymerase chain reaction, tests. We have learned that these PCR tests are properly used to detect small amounts of genetic material in a laboratory setting. They were never meant for use as a diagnostic medical tool — as their Nobel Laureate inventor Kary Mullis clearly explained before his unexpected death in 2020. Nevertheless, the tests were put into general worldwide use for the diagnosis of COVID. That may be a forgivable error in a crisis — employing a "field expedient" measure not meant to last forever. On the other hand, what is not readily explainable is why the test was universally performed incorrectly.

Lab managers are highly trained professionals. They know how to read instructions. They know how to train their staff. They routinely implement new testing in their labs, and ensure that those tests are correctly performed and reported with only a few false positive or false negative outcomes. But in the entire year 2020, instead of doing what the enclosed instructions dictated, instead of cycling these tests 20-30 times, (at the most 25-35 times), *every large system lab manager in the United States set the tests to cycle 40-50 times*. Michael Yeadon, a former chief science advisor for Pfizer, stated that this over-cycling had the effect of producing a large num-

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**Don't ask questions:** Medical professionals are expected to conduct COVID testing and administer the COVID vaccines without questioning their efficacy. Yet even a simple investigation into the research will show that the tests are inaccurate and the vaccines aren't a cure-all.

ber of false-positive tests — probably greater than 90 percent.

So, in one worldview, we must believe that somehow all lab managers in the United States failed simultaneously to do their jobs — and that they all erred in exactly the same way. (If by accident, why didn't any lab manager run *too few cycles* to produce false negative tests?) Must we believe that some universal psychosis hit lab managers everywhere so they mistakenly produced false positive testing, and furthermore that they simultaneously awakened on Jan 21, 2021, to correct the testing procedure? Because on that day, tests were cycled below 35 times and, miraculously, there occurred a huge drop in COVID diagnoses.

There are only these two options and two worldviews: You can believe all the above, or you can believe that some authority higher up in the public health bureaucracy instructed all lab managers to over-cycle the tests. And what could have been the purpose for that instruction, except to harm the American public by grossly and falsely over-diagnosing COVID? I for one do not ascribe to the universal-lab-manager-psychosis theory.

The other worldview requires that we take a hard look at who is running our "public health." "Public health" is a concept that only comes about when doctors become servants of the state. And nothing good has ever come of that.

## Kaiser Wilhelm and the Political Use of Public Health

In the latter years of Imperial Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm's rule was threatened by the Social Democrats. The Kaiser's advisors at the time suggested that he give the people some boon to offset the offerings by his opponents. So, the Kaiser chose socialized, government-run healthcare. The effect at first was to get doctors and new medical procedures to underserved, impoverished areas. Interestingly, these doctors who brought with them the latest ideas from their university training were referred to as "vaccine doctors" because of the emphasis on prevention and public health.

The system worked well at first, but after WWI, as the money dried up for public programs, the medical system was left without funding but with an abundance of paperwork and cumbersome bureaucracy. Additionally, this government medical system brought about a critical philosophic change. Care that was once done on the basis of individual ethics and Christian charity was now done through a collective ethic and nationalized welfare. Government medical authorities did not deal with individual patients, but with data sets. Doctors who previously only dealt with billing individual patients became involved in the national economics of medicine, and the cost to the government of public-health issues.

This led to attempts at cost-containment through wellness. But that inevitably became cost-containment by denying treatments. The Kaiser's medical system, like all socialized systems following it, had to ration care to some at the expense or even termination of others. In 1925, a book was authored by German lawyer Karl Binding and psychiatrist Albert Hoche: *Permission for the Destruction of Life Unworthy of Life*. The authors, steeped in Hegelian philosophy from the German education system, identified three groups of people unworthy to live: the terminally ill who request death, "incurable idiots," and those in vegetative states such as trauma victims. The authors suggested a government body of doctors, lawyers, and psychiatrists who would oversee the selection of euthanasia patients by judging patients' economic value to society and applying cost-benefit criteria. This plan separated the victims from their personal community physicians, who simply sent their medical records to a centralized, government-run committee — thus depersonalizing the decision to kill them. Community physicians, to whom these targeted people were familiar faces with personalities and real-world history, would most likely not have chosen to participate. But ultimately these doctors were not ethically absolved from consequences of the actions they set in motion. To be clear, euthanasia was not invented by the Nazis, but by physicians with legal help, then implemented by the state.

## Stalin's Use of Psychiatric Medicine

According to Lenin, government medicine was the "keystone in the arch of socialism." In his eyes, giving people healthcare simply solidified the dependency and therefore loyalty of the masses to the Bolshevik government. By the time of Stalin, medicine had become a tool of po-

litical oppression. Dissidents in the Soviet Union, such as Zhores and Roy Medvedev, Andrei Sakharov, and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn were too prominent to be hauled off to the gulag without a worldwide fuss, so they were declared insane and sent for "therapy" at psychiatric hospitals where they could be tortured in privacy. In 2005, Nikolai Skachkov, after protesting police brutality and corruption in Omsk, was forced to undergo a psychiatric evaluation for "paranoia." Investigators said he was suffering from an "acute sense of justice."

### Tavistock and the Psychological Manipulation of the Masses

*"The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organization, habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government, which is the true ruling power of our country."* — Edward Bernays, from *Organizing Chaos*

In 1921, the 11th Duke of Bedford, Marquess of Tavistock, gave a building to what was to become the Tavistock Institute. The purpose was to examine the effect of "shellshock" on British WWI veterans and to examine the limits of human psychological endurance. Later, the Tavistock Institute in London officially became a think tank that used Freudian principles to sway the public toward certain social — some would say socialist — ideas. What began as manipulation of individual behavior was expanded to group manipulation, and then generalized to populations. Tavistock's Brigadier General Dr. John Rawlings Rees applied this concept to warfare, including civilian populations, describing "A controlled Psychological Environment." Now, in the 21st century, the military lingo is "perception management," and is part of "unrestricted warfare."

In 1999, Chinese PLA Colonels Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui outlined the concepts of unrestricted warfare in the book *Warfare Beyond Rules: Judgement of War and Methods of War in the Era of Globalization* (translated as *Unrestricted Warfare*). Psychological manipulation of populations is frankly discussed as a component of multidimensional stealth war involving, for example, cyberattacks, economic attacks, bio and chemical weapons, and political manipulation. Recently, in America, the *Journal of Information Warfare* included an article entitled "The Flexibility of Official Information during Contemporary Conflicts," by information-security expert William Hutchinson. The abstract suggests that governments and militaries of Western nations have practiced "perception management" on populations worldwide for decades. Ironically, but not surprisingly, when you click the "Read the Article" button to get more details, you are told "Access Denied. You are not authorized to access this page."

According to Dr. John Coleman, in an excellent monograph written in 2005 entitled *The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations: Shaping the Moral, Spiritual, Cultural, Political and Economic Decline of the United States of America*,

> World War II provided the emerging Tavistock Social sciences scientists with enormous scope for experimentation. [German psychologist Kurt] Lewin's leadership put together the key-force that would deploy after World War II to utilize those techniques developed in warfare against the population of the United States. In fact, in 1946, Tavistock declared war on the civilian population of the United States and has remained in a state of war ever since. The basic conceptions expounded by Lewin, Wells, Bernays, and Lippmann remained in place as the guidepost for manipulation of public opinion; the war gave the Social scientists the opportunity to apply them in highly concentrated form and to bring together a large number of institutions under their direction to further the ends of their experiments.

Tavistock member Edward Bernays, a nephew of Sigmund Freud, is considered the father of modern publicity. One of his more famous campaigns was a 1929 promotion of female smoking by branding cigarettes "Torches of Freedom" — equating them with feminism and emancipation of women. But Bernays is less well known for his more insidious propaganda and mass mind control. In 1955, Bernays wrote a book about his experience entitled *The Engineering of Consent*. From Dr. Coleman's monograph:

> "If we understand the mechanism and motives of the group mind, it is now possible to control and regi-

**Mind control for people control:** Edward Bernays, an early 20th-century pioneer in the field of propaganda and mass manipulation, is known for his work in promoting Lucky Strike cigarettes to women. Bernays-style mind control has affected the medical community as well.

Treatment of the sick during the year of COVID was not planned and executed by doctors at the patient's bedside, but by medical authorities at a distance, sending their "guidance" to medical administrators.

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**Follow the crowd:** The effects of mass marketing and propaganda can be clearly seen in the way the COVID-19 pandemic has been handled in the United States. Safe, effective, low-cost treatments are demonized in favor of ineffective treatments and profitable drugs.

> ment the masses according to our will without them knowing it," Bernays postulated. He called this technique "Engineering Consent." One of his best-known techniques of achieving this goal was the indirect use of what he called third party authorities to shape the desired opinions: "If you can influence the leaders, either with or without their conscious cooperation, you automatically influence the group which they sway." This technique he called "opinion making."

As a major player in the Deep State, the Tavistock Institute has extensive personnel ties to U.S. research and advisory entities such as MIT, the Stanford Research Institute, the Heritage Foundation, Georgetown University's Center of Strategic and International Studies, and the Rand Corporation. According to an October 26, 1963 article in *Business Week*, psychological testing programs and group relations training programs of the institute were implemented in the United States by the University of Michigan and the University of California. "Group relations training" may sound harmless or even beneficial, but beyond political manipulation, or getting people to buy a certain product, 21st-century "perception management" is nothing short of group "mind control." This "mind control" can be practiced upon the entire population or upon groups of physicians and public-health "experts." In short, a few people in the world can bring about their desired outcomes by *orchestrating behavior of the masses, including doctors and researchers.*

## What About the Hippocratic Oath?

To understand the ethical decline of the practice of medicine, we need to look first at the structure of medical practice that facilitated the changes. Up until the last three decades, over 60 percent of physicians were in some form of private practice. In the 1990s, under the pressure of 160,000 pages of Medicare regulations, doctors began selling their practices to large corporate medical conglomerates. With the adoption of the new healthcare distribution system commonly known as "ObamaCare," the exodus from private practice became a stampede. Today, most physicians are working under the aegis of a hospital or large healthcare system. Roughly 70 percent of the funding for those hospitals and health systems comes from government. And what the government funds, the government regulates.

Treatment of the sick during the year of COVID was not planned and executed by doctors at the patient's bedside, but by medical authorities at a distance, sending their "guidance" to medical administrators. Physicians who disagreed with the pronouncements of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) were marginalized, cancelled from their contracts, or fired. Hospital administrators and their myriad underlings — none of whom take a sacred oath to protect patients — enforced National Institutes of Health (NIH) and CDC demands. In my area, hospitals would discharge patients (sometimes threatening to do so in the middle of the night) who did not want to take the authorities' recommended remdesivir — a drug that had no track record of success against COVID. In nearly all hospitals, standard care such as breathing treatments for lung problems was not instituted, citing concerns of spreading COVID. On the other hand, private physicians who had "done their due diligence" and read the basic science, and had studied the success around the world with hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin, tried to do the right thing. However, they were usually overruled by pharmacists who refused to fill the prescriptions. I had a pharmacist tell me she "morally disagreed" with the hydroxychloroquine prescription and refused fill it.

Some of this can be attributed to overt bribery. The more than $400 billion that crossed Dr. Fauci's desk over the last 40 years, along with other NIH grants, al-

lowed teaching hospitals and research institutions to expand beyond their normal means. Now, refusing to implement CDC guidelines or Fauci's edicts could lead to losing next year's money flow.

But this does not explain the stubbornness with which individual physicians fought against any treatment of COVID and instead pushed experimental vaccination. This doesn't explain the many nursing-home deaths attributable to medical neglect. After Indonesians and others showed the profound effect vitamin D levels had on the survivability of COVID, why were doctors not giving that cheap supplement to nursing-home patients? A simple prophylaxis of vitamin D, vitamin C, NAC, zinc, and two hydroxychloroquine tablets a week — as was done in third-world countries that dispensed "home COVID kits" — had the potential to reduce mortality by 250,000 people in the United States, based on studies pooled for the online HCQtrial.com.

There is killing by "commission" — doing something to kill a person — and there is killing by "omission" — purposefully withholding treatment that could save life. In either case, the physician is failing his traditional ethical duty. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer opined, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." How did American medicine get to this place?

Medical ethics has been under assault, and not by accident. It has been subtly degraded along with the purposeful warping of the public consciousness as discussed above.

The Oath of Hippocrates has been the bedrock of Western medical ethics for millenia, but in the last half century, the oath has been slowly eroded until it no longer exists, except in theory. The Hippocratic Oath I took in 1980 has been "modernized" mostly to leave out those uncomfortable prohibitions against abortion and "cutting for stone." The latter amendment is a practical matter that no longer pertains to the age of specialization and aseptic surgery, so that revision can be justified as a technical clause. But the former speaks to the ethical role of physicians in the preservation of life. And, lest we forget, professional ethics is the sole point of the Hippocratic Oath. In the last 20 years, the oath has been doctored (pun intended) and distorted to the point of unrecognizability. As Dr. Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, reported in her 2011 article "Roll Over Hippocrates," the first graduating class of the Phoenix branch of the University of Arizona College of Medicine was assigned the task of writing their own oath.

The key to Hippocratic ethics is the independence of the physician. He is not a servant of the state, but of his patient. "Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief and corruption." "For the benefit of the sick" does not mean for the bottom line of government or the pharmaceutical industry. And when it states, "I will follow that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients," it does not put the CDC guidelines or the hospital's rules above the welfare of the patient. Generations of doctors have now been led to believe many pernicious things:

- Science is by consensus, independent thinkers need not apply;
- Following authorities' guidelines results in the best outcomes;
- Accepting information put forth in approved medical journals is the way to avoid "quackery";
- "Evidence-based medicine" comes from statistically significant double-blinded trials — evidence cannot be adequately found at the bedside by direct observation;
- Experience is always inferior to published data; and
- The most devastating notion that has been adopted in the last several decades: *public health trumps the care of the individual*.

The often-overlooked point in the oath, but one critical to understanding the ongoing medical nightmare of COVID, is the constant reference to "the patient." The oath — and the doctor's moral obligation — is not to a group, nor to the common good, nor to the state. It is to the *individual patient* of the *individual doctor*.

I have written and spoken extensively about Karl Brandt, who was Hitler's surgeon and head of the Reich Medical Department. (See "The Lessons of Karl Brandt," https://www.jpands.org/vol16no1/hieb.pdf). Dr. Brandt personally saved many lives by performing surgery and improving the trauma system during the war. But, as the officer nominally in charge over doctors who experimented on prisoners in the death camps, he was hanged after the Nuremberg Doctors' Trial for "Conspiracy

**Without consent:** While German surgeon Karl Brandt, who worked for the Nazi government, saved many lives with his skills, he also allowed experiments on prisoners without their consent. For this he was hanged at Nuremberg.

to commit Crimes Against Humanity." His crime was allowing prisoners to be experimented upon *under coercion and without informed consent*. Informed consent requires honest disclosure of the risks, and the ability to opt out without penalty. These experiments, and other acts that would be considered immoral or professionally unethical when done individually, were justified "for the good of the state." Brandt was educated to believe that the collective took precedence over the rights of the individual — a sentiment he took with him to the gallows. And this is the ethical worldview being adopted by our medical system today.

The concept of *public health* is not in itself evil, but sacrificing a few individuals for the greater good, in the name of public health, is ultimately evil.

### How We Take Back Our Medical Ethics

Doctors are at a crossroads. As professionals, we can do as our German predecessors and ride the bus over the moral cliff. Or we can get off. In 1943, with bombs dropping on their heads and people needing emergency treatment, it may have been harder to take that leap off the bus. But today, the choices are clear.

1. All physicians must stop pushing unproven, unauthorized genetic therapies (i.e., mRNA "vaccines") upon an unsuspecting public, using coercion and without informed consent. Physicians, whether or not they believe the vaccine to be good or bad, cannot deny the fact that patients are being coerced (reduced prison sentences, ability to keep a job, ability to travel, ability to attend college etc.), and that they are not given true informed consent (in most cases they are given no informed consent whatsoever).

2. Doctors must educate themselves, not blindly accept the word of some medical authority about treatment and preventive strategies available. By the Oath of Hippocrates: "I will follow that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous." This part of the oath is a commandment to study. Judgment requires education. There are now hundreds of peer-reviewed, and many more not "peer reviewed," scientific papers that demonstrate the significant life-saving benefit of early treatment with re-purposed drugs such as ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine — drugs that have been widely used for years and for which safety profiles are well known. To continue to follow guidelines while failing to study for oneself is to violate the moral duty of a physician.

3. Physicians must stand together publicly on the side of ethical medicine. When the Germans invaded Holland in WWII, they demanded the Dutch doctors take part in the German medical system, including euthanasia. The Dutch doctors, who were private practitioners and who knew their patients as community members, family, and friends, were horrified and refused. When the Germans threatened to take away their licenses, all the Dutch doctors freely relinquished their licenses rather than participate in the immoral German medical system.

Ultimately, when medical care is given to you by the state, the state controls what care you receive. And therein lies the ultimate truth of COVID — we are being controlled by the technocrats of Public Health. COVID and the "vaccine holocaust" did not start in 2019. This is the result of 150 years of progressive manipulation of public opinion to condition doctors and the general public to accept policies ultimately detrimental to the well-being of humans and the future of humanity.

As long as doctors work for a hospital, the government, or a big conglomerate, they do not work for their patients. Free medicine is not free. It is theft from some people for the benefit of others. All the government does is determine who is robbed and who is benefited. And in the process, medical care becomes so over-regulated and micromanaged that it becomes expensive and is less available for everyone except the elite. Worse than that, governments routinely participate in mass murder, and they have used physicians and the guise of "public health" to do it. Physicians should look at their situation. Did their institution kill people by neglect or mistreatment or coerced vaccination? And no matter the financial consequences, are they willing to continue to participate?

It is time to reclaim our profession. It is time to get off the bus. ■

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**Big Medical:** Private physicians' practices have been largely replaced in the United States by large hospital networks. Most doctors are now beholden to "the system" rather than their patients.

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## We've Seen This One Before

If you follow politics related to the Second Amendment, you'll soon realize that many actions of both Democrats and Republicans are nothing more than political theater intended to give the public the illusion of a battle between fiercely different ideologies. A perfect example of this is the continuous fight over the nomination of the director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) within the Department of Justice. Back in 2006, the NRA successfully lobbied to require Senate confirmation for the president's appointment to head up the ATF. In the 15 years that followed, nearly every appointment to head up the ATF failed to get confirmed by the Senate, leaving the ATF under the leadership of an "acting" director for 13 of those years.

Things appear to be no different with the Biden administration, as *Time* magazine reported on September 16 that Biden was forced to pull his nomination for ATF director, David Chipman. This was after contentious hearings in which Republicans grilled Chipman over his extreme anti-gun positions. One of the most heated moments was when Republicans questioned Chipman over his desire to ban "assault rifles" and asked him to define what an "assault rifle" is, and Chipman struggled with a coherent definition. In an embarrassing display of Republicans trying to engage in cancel culture over allegations of "racism," Republicans even tried to call a second hearing on Chipman to delve into the details of some complaints from a black ATF agent over a remark Chipman allegedly made, which the agent perceived as racist.

Biden sensed that the nomination was going nowhere and eventually pulled Chipman. Supporters of the Second Amendment viewed this as a victory, and considering that Chipman spent his post-ATF career working for a far-left gun-control organization, he would obviously be a threat to the Second Amendment as director of the ATF.

But isn't the ATF itself an unconstitutional threat to the Second Amendment? And how do we know the current acting director of the ATF is not equally as anti-gun as Chipman? Pondering those two questions will lead to the conclusion that the drama over the nomination of the ATF director is a distraction from anything worthwhile. Republicans could exert some effort on doing something substantive to rein in the ATF and the federal government's near-constant assaults on the Second Amendment, but instead they prefer to engage in a dog-and-pony show so they can get soundbites to use in their reelection campaigns.

It's easy to get demoralized and stop following these silly antics, but that would reward useless politicians and allow them to continue wasting our time. The much better course of action would be to continue to watch them closely and demand results instead of political theater.

## "Not the Best Part of Town"

KOAT.com reported on September 7 about a botched robbery in northwest Albuquerque, New Mexico, that left the suspected robber dead. The incident occurred at Tobacco Town after an armed employee shot a man who was allegedly attempting to rob the store.

Erick Ortiz, an insurance agent who operates a business in the same strip mall as the tobacco shop, spoke with KOAT.com about the area's crime rate trending upward. "When I grew up here it wasn't the best part of town but it certainly wasn't like this," Ortiz said, explaining that the windows of his insurance business were recently shot out by vandals. "We just stopped replacing them until we have to. So right now we leave the holes in the windows because it doesn't have an effect on our security," he said. KOAT.com reported that police records revealed numerous armed robberies happening within the area, but Ortiz stated that he thinks there is even more crime than what is recorded in the police reports. "I think that a lot of business owners are getting to the point where unless it's a significant loss, where they're going to need to report it to their insurance company, that they've stopped reporting it a lot of times," he said. Ortiz was actually robbed at gunpoint at work around six years ago, and he's now thinking of arming himself at work to be prepared for the rising crime rate.

KOAT legal expert John Day commented on the shooting at the Tobacco Town store and explained that you should only use a gun in self-defense if you feel that your life or the life of another person is in imminent danger.

Ortiz added that from what he understands about the shooting, the employee acted in self-defense: "I think that in the case of what happened at Tobacco Town, based on what I've been told, that it seems that he was justified in protecting himself and his business."

## CDC to Come After Guns?

The Blaze reported on August 27 that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is setting its sights on the Second Amendment. CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, who has become the face of a bureaucratic and totalitarian approach to dealing with COVID-19, now looks to be expanding her horizons to pushing anti-gun propaganda. In an interview with CNN, Walensky claimed that so-called gun violence is a "serious public health threat," adding that "something has to be done about this." Walensky went so far as to tell CNN, "I swore to the President and to this country that I would protect your health. This is clearly one of those moments, one of those issues that is harming America's health."

Walensky detailed some of the CDC's plans in this regard, which involve spending millions on "research" and "studies" that can provide propaganda to push an anti-gun agenda. Walensky claimed that this would only help her get an idea of what needs to be done, and claimed that she wasn't simply going to be promoting gun control. "Generally, the word gun, for those who are worried about research in this area, is followed by the word control, and that's not what I want to do here…. I'm not here about gun control. I'm here about preventing gun violence and gun death," she told CNN. ■

— Patrick Krey

## FDA Sleight of Hand: Does the Pfizer Vaccine Really Have Full Approval?

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**It's official:** The FDA approved Pfizer's Comirnaty vaccine for ages 16 and up. Pfizer's BioNTech product is still not approved. Could this approval be a way to avoid liability in the United States?

**Item:** *The* British Medical Journal *reported August 24, "The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted full approval to the two dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to protect against covid-19 for people aged 16 and above.… The vaccine has been used under emergency authorisation since December 2020, with Pfizer applying for full approval on 7 May 2021 and approval being granted in under four months, the fastest time in FDA history.… Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told the national television programme PBS Newshour that the FDA … 'worked double time fast. They just did not cut any corners.'"*

**Item:** *According to a September 9 article in* USA Today, *"Biden announced a new rule by the Labor Department that will require all businesses with 100 or more employees to be vaccinated or submit to testing at least once a week.… 'What more is there to wait for? What more do you need to see?' he said. 'We've made vaccinations free, safe and convenient. The vaccine is FDA approved. Over 200 million Americans have gotten at least one shot. We've been patient, but our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us.'"*

**Item:** Air Force News Service *noted September 22, "The COVID-19 vaccine has been mandated across the Department of Defense and despite its demonstrated effectiveness and safety, a host of myths have left some Airmen and Guardians hesitant to receive it. While social media posts and some news outlets may make it harder to keep up with what is fact or fiction, the science is clear … approved COVID-19 vaccines work."*

**Correction:** The FDA has seemingly removed any objection to the Pfizer COVID vaccine by approving the company's biologics license application. That gives the gene-altering serum general use approval for individuals age 16 and over, as opposed to the more restrictive Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) assigned to other COVID vaccines.

EUA products are experimental, meaning that under U.S. law, everyone has a right to refuse them. Forcing someone to get the experimental jab so they can work or go to school is tantamount to Nazi human experimentation during World War II. Those atrocities gave birth to the Nuremburg Code, which dictates that voluntary consent is "absolutely essential" when it comes to medical experiments involving humans, and that those involved should be protected "against *even remote* possibilities of injury, disability or death." (Emphasis added.)

FDA approval seemingly removed Nuremburg objections.

But there's a catch: The FDA only licensed Pfizer's Comirnaty vaccine, not its BioNTech product, which remains under EUA restriction. Confusing the matter further, in its approval documentation, FDA acknowledges "insufficient stocks" of the Comirnaty vials, but "sufficient amounts" of BioNTech, claiming the products can be used "interchangeably." FDA chief scientist Denise Hinton wrote, "The licensed vaccine has the same formulation as the EUA-authorized vaccine and the products can be used interchangeably to provide the vaccination series without presenting any safety or effectiveness concerns. The products are legally distinct with certain differences that do not impact safety or effectiveness."

Did the FDA just equate an EUA vaccine to one that is fully licensed? Let's look at the "legally distinct" differences. First, U.S. law permits employers and schools to require licensed vaccines. Second, while manufacturers of EUA-approved vaccines are immune from product liability (as are those who produce vaccines placed on the FDA's mandatory childhood immunization schedule), licensed adult vaccines do not enjoy liability protection. They are subject to the same product liability as any consumer goods in the U.S. market. In other words, if you were injured by the Comirnaty vaccine, you could sue. Injured by BioNTech? No chance.

So why would Pfizer market Comirnaty in the United States, where it can end up in court when patients are injured? With "significant amounts" of BioNTech available, written FDA go-ahead, media silence on this criminal sleight-of-hand, and gen-

eral public ignorance of what amounts to illegal mandates resulting from FDA approval, Pfizer can unload all its liability-immune product on an unsuspecting public while President Biden, in Hitleresque fashion, orders private companies nationwide to mandate the jab.

What's particularly disconcerting is that there are more reported deaths attributable to Pfizer vaccines than to the others combined. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), operated jointly by the FDA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a voluntary reporting system designed to detect possible early warnings in regard to vaccine safety. As of mid-September, VAERS recorded more than 10,000 deaths associate with Pfizer's product, whereas deaths reportedly caused by other manufacturers' vaccines amounted to under 5,000. Overall, VAERS has received more than 700,000 reports of adverse events, including nearly 20,000 that involve permanent disability and tens of thousands of life-threatening events. How does that measure up to the Nuremburg mandate "against *even remote* possibilities of injury, disability or death"?

Contrast this, too, with past VAERS experience. "A typical new drug … at about 50 unexplained deaths for a new product, it's pulled off the market," Dr. Peter McCullough told The New American. "In the 1976 swine flu pandemic we attempted to vaccinate 55 million Americans. At 25 deaths, the program was killed." Dr. McCullough is a principal faculty in internal medicine at Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center and developed a successful COVID outpatient treatment early in the pandemic.

Want more undiluted proof of Pfizer's track record? Let's look at Israel, where the government cut an early exclusivity deal with Pfizer, paying above-market value for premium access to its vaccine. The Pfizer CEO blatantly called Israel "the world's lab."

What are the lab results? Journalist Sharyl Attkisson has kept a running tally of COVID-19 vaccine concerns on her blog, where Israel is heavily featured. For example, a recent case-control study from that country found an increased risk of myocarditis (heart inflammation), appendicitis, lymphadenopathy (inflammation of lymph nodes), and herpes zoster infection (shingles). Israel's Ministry of Health has admitted that nearly half of adults infected with the COVID-19 virus are fully vaccinated, and that 60 percent of hospitalizations involve fully vaccinated individuals. A spokesman for Israel's largest health maintenance organization called their Pfizer experience "a very clear warning sign for the rest of the world." So Israel has lifted mandates, right? On the contrary, its reaction is unbelievable: The country now only awards vaccine passports to those who have had three shots, not a mere two, and the passport is only good for six months.

The good news is that stateside, we're not fooled. FDA's thumbs-up "didn't cause the uptick in vaccinations that people had hoped, data shows," announced MSN Business Insider on September 9. "The US's average weekly vaccination rate has declined 38% since the FDA approved Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine."

And more good news is what you can do to protect yourself. Writing for Children's Health Defense, attorney Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. gives this advice: "When someone orders you to get the vaccine: Ask to see the vial. If it says 'Comirnaty,' it's a licensed product. If it says 'Pfizer BioNTech,' it's an experimental product, and under 21 U.S. Code 360bbb, you have the right to refuse." Of course, all other so-called COVID vaccines are still under EUA restrictions, so you have the right to refuse them as well. ■

— Rebecca Terrell

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**Not buying it:** The FDA approval of Comirnaty did not cause the increase in vaccination rates the government and Pfizer hoped for. In fact, weekly vaccination rates in the United States have declined since the approval.

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# Narrative: Border Agents Use Whips. Goal: More Democrat Voters

One of the great wonders of our whiz-bang tech world is social media; important news reaches billions within seconds. One of the not-so-great wonders is also social media; a falsehood reaches billions within seconds. Need a bulletin about a missing child to go nationwide in seconds? Forget the milk carton. Tweet it. Need a nonsense narrative about mounted Border Agents using whips to round up illegal aliens? Forget calling the *New York Times*. Tweet it.

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Social media has breathed new life into an old saw from Jonathan Swift: "Falsehood flies, and the Truth comes limping after it." As fast as the narrative that galloping federal marauders cracked whips at Haitian illegals at the border with Mexico on September 20 spread, people interested in the truth proved the narrative was false. But as Swift said, the truth finished last.

Border agents did not whip the illegals. What lying radical leftists said were whips were reins. Nor did they use the reins as whips, as some claimed and enhanced photos showed.

No matter. The Open Borders Lobby had the images it needed to push the false narrative: We must let the Haitians, tens of thousands of whom were staged at the Rio Grande at Del Rio, Texas, into the country. The Democrats need more voters.

Typical of the claims was one from Sawyer Hackett, a man of whom you were blissfully unaware until now. He worked for leftist Julián Castro, the failed presidential candidate and former secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Hussein Obama.

Castro is no relation to Fidel Castro. But his man Hackett used the photo like one of Fidel's expert propagandists. All he needs is a beard and a cigar to complete the picture.

"Border patrol is mounted on horseback rounding up Haitian refugees with whips," Hackett falsely tweeted. "This is unfathomable cruelty towards people fleeing disaster and political ruin. The administration must stop this."

The photo showed nothing of the kind. Not whips. Not "unfathomable cruelty." Federal law-enforcement authorities do not use whips, and in this case, did not use the reins to whip the Haitian illegal alien in question. Enhanced images and those from a different angle clearly showed the agent holding the illegal by his shirtsleeve, with the reins in front of the illegal's face.

That didn't stop Haiti Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas from denouncing the agents. "There will be consequences," Biden warned. Mayorkas suspended the agents, and Harris said the scene "evoked images of ... behavior ... used against African Americans during times of slavery."

Democrat Henry Cuellar of Texas set the record straight on CNN. "They don't carry whips," he said. "What are they supposed to do ... let everybody come in?"

Why, now that you mention it, that's exactly what they're supposed to do. That's one reason a petition appeared within 24 hours to let the Haitians enter the country. It explains that Americans are deeply indebted to the Haitians trying to get into the country and glom onto the welfare state.

Americans "owe" them because of "the Haitian Revolution that ultimately forced France to sell the Louisiana Territory to the United States in 1803, thus tripling the size of the nation," the petition avers. "And many of Haiti's current problems can arguably be attributed to the US invasion and occupation that lasted from 1915 to 1934, wherein US forces executed dissidents and implemented a system of forced labor, still used to this day, that destroyed the self-determination of Haiti's peasant population."

"Haiti's peasant population" has had 200 years to straighten out the country they took from the French, another nearly 100 years after that American military occupation, and has failed for myriad reasons. "Haiti's current problems" — unemployment rate, 14 percent; illiteracy, 40 percent — are their own, not ours. We "owe" them nothing.

Democrats and the Open Borders Lobby undoubtedly believe we "owe" them admission. But even if we did, that wouldn't be the most important reason they want to turn Haitian illegals loose upon American taxpayers. The Democrats and their Open Borders auxiliary know exactly what they have in the illegal-alien horde that was camped outside Del Rio, more than 12,000 of whom Biden has already let into the country: Thousands of future voters.

Permitting them to enter advances the openly stated Democrat objective of altering the country's demographics by importing a new people whom they know will cast Democrat ballots.

That's why they started the whip narrative. Scenes of border agents on horseback "whipping" black "migrants" provided all the Left needed to resurrect and tweet images of 18th-century slave-catchers.

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